ROUND 11

PERTH GLORY

		PG Games	PG Goals	NSL Games	NSL Goals
1	Jason PETKOVIC	38	0	193	0
2	Robert TRAJKOVSKI	66	4	152	6
3	Jamie HARNWELL	63	7	63	7
4	Ljubo MILICEVIC	15	2	15	2
5	Vinko BULJUBASIC	59	1	146	4
6	Gareth NAVEN (c)	122	5	134	5
7	Scott MILLER	125	10	174	13
8	Brad MALONEY	7	3	244	65
9	Alistair EDWARDS	49	20	129	30
10	Bobby DESPOTOVSKI	111	45	134	55
11	Kasey WEHRMAN	23	0	75	6
12	Peter BULJAN	20	1	87	22
13	Anthony DANZE	0	0	0	0
14	Dion VALLE	25	0	25	0
15	Edgar ALDRIGHI JR	44	1	44	1
16	Damian MORI	9	5	308	153
17	Gary FARIA	7	0	7	0
18	Shane PRYCE	9	1	138	18
19	John CARBONE	33	1	33	1
20	Tony FRANKEN	39	0	278	0
21	PJ ROBERTS	2	0	39	1
22	Antonio NAGLIERI	0	0	0	0
24	Aaron COLE	0	0	0	0
30	Tommi TOMICH	0	0	0	0

Coach – Bernd STANGE
Dev. Manager – Mich d'AVRAY

MARCONI STALLIONS

		MS Games	MS Goals	NSL Games	NSL Goals
1	David ACESKI	26	0	26	0
2	Chad GIBSON	67	9	83	10
3	Mark BABIC	75	1	227	3
4	Angelo COSTANZO	10	1	143	1
5	Dominic LONGO (c)	124	3	170	5
6	Pan-Kuen KIM	54	4	54	4
7	James AFKOS	5	0	42	0
8	Darren McDONALD	81	2	81	2
9	Norman TOME	5	0	177	52
10	John MAISANO	7	0	7	0
11	Christian CARE	80	7	80	7
12	Sasa RADULOVIC	3	0	3	0
13	Raphael BOVE	6	1	28	1
14	Buddy FARAH	63	1	63	1
15	Royce BROWNLIE	7	2	12	2
16	Harry KARL	19	3	26	8
17	John GIBSON	6	0	295	44
18	Mike SMITH	96	13	143	19
19	Brendan RENAUD	128	11	166	15
20	Michael TURNBULL	29	0	29	0
21	Simon BELL	6	0	6	0
22	Kris TRAJANOVSKI	69	18	246	63
23	Vlado ZORIC	140	15	140	15
24	Sauturaga JUNIOR	4	0	4	0
27	Grant LAST	3	0	3	0

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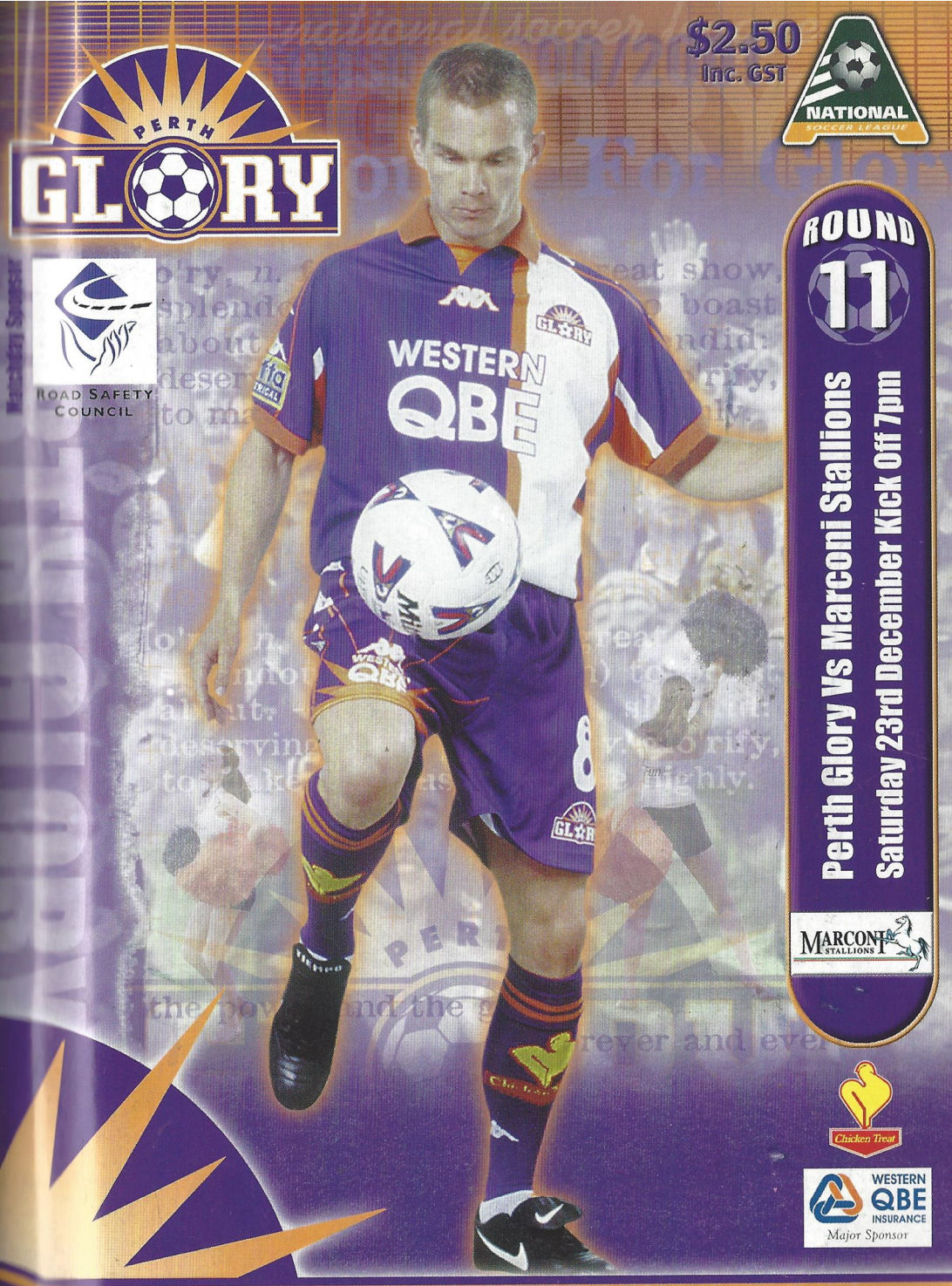

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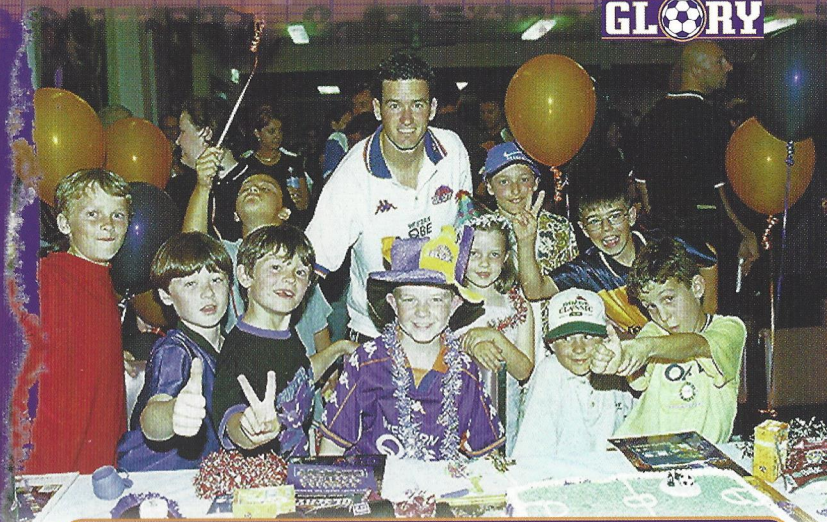

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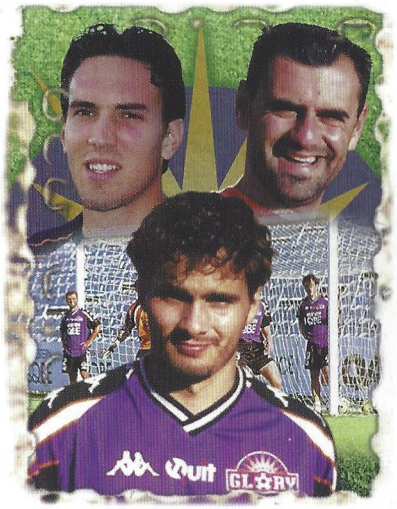

What a wonderful thing confidence is. Six weeks ago, John Carbone was down in the dumps after conceding a penalty within 30 seconds of coming on as a substitute, and by his own admission, he was running out of chances.

Suddenly a mini injury crisis saw him given a reprieve. He not only won a place in the squad for the match against Adelaide, but was named in Bernd Stange's starting line-up.

It's history now that Carbone went on to score the opening goal in that game, his first in the NSL. It wasn't the most difficult of finishes by any stretch of the imagination, but he took it coolly and suddenly the often-maligned Carbone was literally jumping for joy. And the early signs are that it won't just be restricted to that particular game.

The following week, the left-footer was rewarded with another place in the starting XI and you could see his self-belief and confidence was increasing. Sure, he didn't take the game by the scruff of the neck and dominate the midfield or anything like that. In fact, he wasn't even in the team's top three or four players, but he certainly played his part in the victory and arguably enjoyed one of his better games for the club. Suddenly his crosses appeared to have greater venom, he wanted the ball more and it was his terrific centre that set up Jamie Harnwell for the Glory's second goal.

But what if he'd missed that goal against Adelaide? How long would it have been before we would have seen John Carbone in a Perth Glory shirt again?

He wouldn't have been banished because of the miss itself, but undoubtably his confidence would have dropped to an almost irreparable low, especially as it was right in front of "The Shed".

However, like Carbone, even if it's not your primary job to score goals, putting one in the opposition's net after a barren run is always a great boost. Remember last season, it was well documented that Rob Trajkovski hadn't scored for the Glory and as the sequence continued, he had some great chances but, whether or not it was playing on his mind, he just could not score. And no matter what anyone said at the time, it must have been a great relief, a huge weight off his shoulders, when he did open his account, scoring a penalty in Brisbane. He scored again the following week, a cracker against Parramatta and his overall game seemed to lift a notch for the rest of the season. He seemed more prepared to take his man on, he had the confidence to take several difficult shots and he ended up scoring four goals in the second half of the season, including a perfect penalty in front of almost 44,000 fans in the semi-final to put the Glory on the path to a home grand final. But again, you wonder what would have happened if, already being a bit down on confidence, he'd missed that spot-kick in Brisbane.

Peter Buljan is another who could be just a goal away from a form surge. Particularly for a striker, no matter how good your general play is, it's important to find the back of the net. Buljan has had chances and sooner or later one of them will go in. He is a good player who just needs that little bit of a break when the window of opportunity opens, just as Carbone had six weeks ago.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

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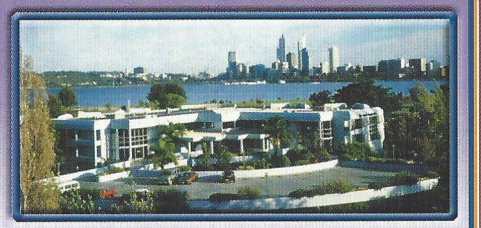

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CAN GLORY TAME THE STALLIONS?

It took something special for Marconi Stallions to get a monkey off its back when it met Perth Glory at Marconi Stadium last April. The Sydney side had never beaten the Perth club in four seasons in the NSL until coming from two goals down to grab a 3-2 victory.

So, that makes tonight's fixture all the more intriguing. Can Marconi go a step further and get its first win in Perth...or can the Glory re-establish its hoodoo tag over a club that has traditionally been regarded as the pacesetter, in trends at least, in the national competition?

Amazingly, the first four meetings at Perth Oval had ended in draws...1-1, 1-1, 2-2 and 3-3, before the Glory drew first blood on its home turf with a 1-0 win last season, when the clubs met four times instead of the usual two because of a fixture re-adjustment after Adelaide Sharks had been a late withdrawal from the league.

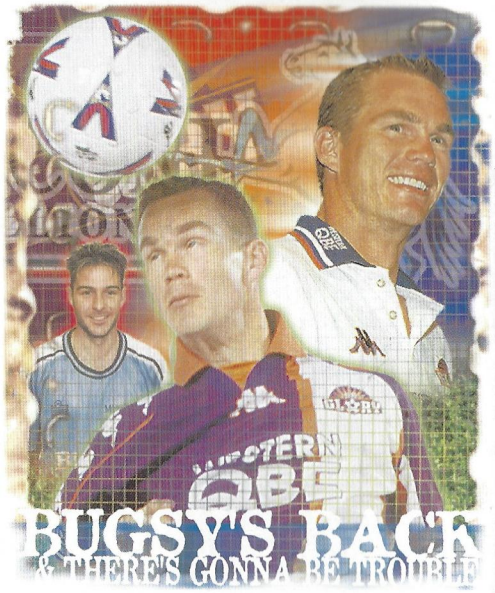
The Glory had beaten Marconi 1-0 in Perth in the 1989/99 season, but that victory was in the top six finals series and was played at the WACA Ground.

The deadlock breaker in the regular season fixtures, three days after last Christmas, came with a classic strike in a nailbiting encounter that had a crowd of just over 13,000 enthralled from start to finish.

Con Boutsianis provided the telling blow when he finished a breathtaking move that was started with a sweeping crossfield pass from Troy Halpin to Rob Trajkovski on the right flank.

Trajkovski pumped a high ball deep into the Marconi box and Boutsianis charged forward to volley it home from close range.

It was a quality stamp to a thriller in which both sides created many chances to score... Glory keeper Jason Petkovic made a string of fine saves... Marconi missed a penalty when Chad Gibson hit the post and both ended with



10 men. Kasey Wehrman was red-carded after 32 minutes and Marconi striker Zeljko Babic followed him to the dressing rooms before the break.

It should be no less interesting tonight, particularly for Brad Maloney and James Afkos, who have swapped sides. Former Marconi skipper Maloney is now a Glory favourite and Afkos has joined the Sydney side after four years in Perth. Afkos, the son of Glory vice chairman Paul Afkos, played the full match in last week's 2-0 home loss to Adelaide City Force.

It was Marconi's third loss in a rollercoaster season and its second defeat at home. It starts tonight in ninth spot on the ladder, five positions and four points behind the Glory.

By Mel Moffat
of *The West Australian*

The Coaches' Thoughts On Tonight's Big Match:

Bernd STANGE: " We shall continue with our good run we have had in our home matches and will be unbeaten after the Marconi match."

Eddie KRNCEVIC: "Great city - tough match. We're primed for the hardest away match in the national league."

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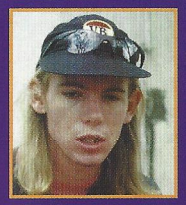

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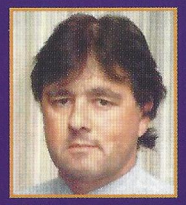
Guest Tipper
Perth Glory 1-0

Bob Figg
Perth Glory 2-1



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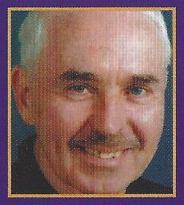

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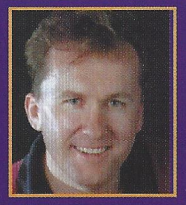

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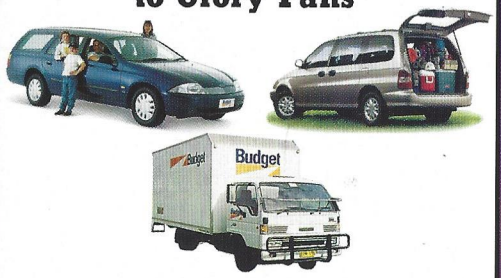

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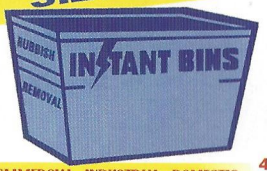

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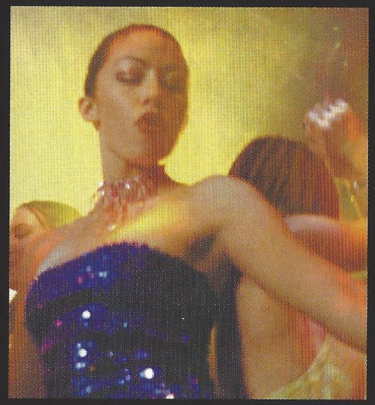

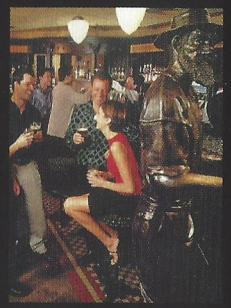

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CARLTON V PERTH GLORY POSTPONED

For the second week running, the financially-crippled Carlton Soccer Club were forced to postpone their match - this time they were scheduled to host second-placed Perth Glory at Epping Stadium. After a farcical week, during which several crisis meetings were held in Melbourne and the game was fluctuating between being "on" then "off" several times a day, it was officially announced by Soccer Australia on Friday afternoon that the match would not go ahead. At this stage there has been no scheduled replacement date set aside.

PARRAMATTA POWER 2 EASTERN PRIDE 0

Alex Tobin celebrated his record-breaking NSL match with a comfortable win against cellar-dwellers Eastern Pride, as the Power continued their impressive climb up the ladder. Tobin could even afford a smile when he missed a last-minute penalty that would have completed a fairytale ending to the game. The home side opened the scoring after 20 minutes through Scot Joe Miller, who grabbed his sixth of the season and his fifth in the last three matches. Then just before half-time Ahmad Elrich made it 2-0 and wrapped up the points with his first NSL goal.

BRISBANE STRIKERS 1 FOOTBALL KINGZ 1

The Kingz picked up their first away point of the season but in the end, the draw will do little for the play-off hopes of either club. The visitors started strongly but it was the home side that had the better chances, with Brazilian import Fernando Rech lively up front, but unable to beat keeper Chris Marsh. Seconds before half-time, veteran Kiwi Wynton Rufer put his side ahead with a brilliant finish. The Strikers came out fighting after the break and were eventually rewarded when Paul Foster hooked the ball over his head and into the top of the net after 71 minutes.

MARCONI STALLIONS 0 ADELAIDE CITY FORCE 2

A week's lay-off when last round's match against Carlton was cancelled did Adelaide no harm as they overcame Marconi 2-0 in Sydney. For much of the first half, the Stallions lacked imagination and creativity, while Adelaide were content to sit back and rely on quick breaks. But after 59 minutes, excellent lead up work by Brad Hassell left Claudio Pelosi with a simple tap-in, then eight minutes from time, the Italian netted his second, heading in a cross from compatriot Gianluca Lagati. The win was slightly soured when the Force's third Italian, Fabrizio Bucciarelli, was sent off in injury time.

NEWCASTLE UNITED 0 SOUTH MELBOURNE 0

Both sides took a point from this match but the big winner was Newcastle's veteran custodian Bob Catlin, who became the first keeper to record 100 clean sheets in the NSL. After having four belted past them last week in Perth, United came back admirably against the league leaders, and continually put Souths' defence, who were forced to defend doggedly, under pressure. In fact, the home side were unlucky not to take all three points when former South Melbourne striker Anthony Magnacca's fierce drive cannoned back of the crossbar.

CANBERRA COSMOS 2 SYDNEY OLYMPIC 3

Sydney Olympic bounced back to the winners' circle after two straight losses, thanks to two late goals by teenage substitute Franco Parisi. Olympic almost made a dream start, having an effort cleared off the line after just five minutes. However, Greg Owens did make it 1-0 after 35 minutes, shooting into the far corner. Canberra equalised on the stroke of half time through Maoki Imaya, then the midfielder gave the Cosmos the lead just after the break. But Parisi entered the fray and within four minutes, he'd made it 2-2. Then moments later, he popped up to score the winner.

WOLLONGONG WOLVES 2 SYDNEY UNITED 0

Wollongong maintained their remarkable record of having scored in every round this season as they saw off a determined Sydney United 2-0 in front of a disappointing crowd of just 3,339 at WIN Stadium. The reigning champions weren't at their fluent best and had to wait until the 49th minute to go in front when Saso Petrovski got on the end of Paul Reid's corner. A similar move 10 minutes from time saw defender Alvin Ceccoli head home another Reid corner as the Wolves climbed to second on the table, leaving Sydney without a win since Round 3.

MELBOURNE KNIGHTS 1 NORTHERN SPIRIT 1

Melbourne Knights remain on the fringe of the top six after midfielder Andy Vargas spurned a golden chance to score the winner against Northern Spirit in the dying seconds. Vargas blasted wide after veteran Adrian Cervinski picked him out with a neat free-kick. Ben Burgess put the visitors in front just after the interval, then forced Lou Acevski to make a superb save to deny him his second. Spirit keeper Paul Henderson did well to parry Cervinski's powerful shot after 64 minutes but he was helpless as Joel Porter followed up to drive in the equaliser.

NSL STATISTICS

LEAGUE TABLE AND FIXTURES

LEAGUE TABLE AFTER ROUND 10

TEAM	PL	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
Sydney Olympic	10	6	2	2	17	9	20	+8
Wollongong Wolves	10	6	2	2	19	13	20	+6
South Melbourne	10	5	4	1	20	9	19	+11
Perth Glory*	9	5	2	2	18	9	17	+9
Parramatta Power	10	5	1	4	16	13	16	+3
Northern Spirit	10	3	5	2	13	9	14	+4
Melbourne Knights	10	4	2	4	15	16	14	–1
Carlton SC*	8	3	4	1	13	9	13	+4
Marconi Stallions	10	3	4	3	11	10	13	+1
Adelaide City Force*	9	4	1	4	12	16	13	–4
Sydney United	10	3	3	4	13	20	12	–7
Canberra Cosmos	10	3	2	5	18	19	11	–1
Brisbane Strikers	10	2	4	4	13	17	10	–4
Football Kingz	10	2	3	5	14	20	9	–6
Newcastle United	10	1	4	5	6	19	7	–13
Eastern Pride	10	0	3	7	11	21	3	–10

*Game(s) in hand due to match postponement

FIXTURES THIS ROUND

Fri 22-Dec-00	Northern Spirit	V	Brisbane Strikers	North Sydney Oval
Fri 22-Dec-00	Adelaide City Force	V	Melbourne Knights	Hindmarsh Stadium
Fri 22-Dec-00	Football Kingz	V	Parramatta Power	Ericsson Stadium
Sat 23-Dec-00	Eastern Pride	V	Canberra Cosmos	Mobil Park
Sat 23-Dec-00	Sydney United	V	South Melbourne	Sydney Utd. Sprts. Ctr.
Sat 23-Dec-00	Sydney Olympic	V	Wollongong Wolves	Belmore Sprts. Grnd.
POSTPONED	Carlton SC	V	Newcastle United	Bob Jane Stadium

FIXTURES NEXT ROUND

Fri 29-Dec-00	Parramatta Power	V	Northern Spirit	Parramatta Stadium
Fri 29-Dec-00	Newcastle United	V	Sydney United	Marathon Stadium
Fri 29-Dec-00	Wollongong Wolves	V	Eastern Pride	WIN Stadium
Sat 30-Dec-00	Brisbane Strikers	V	Adelaide City Force	Suncorp Metway St.
Sat 30-Dec-00	Canberra Cosmos	V	Football Kingz	Bruce Stadium
Sat 30-Dec-00	Melbourne Knights	V	Perth Glory	Knights Stadium
Sat 30-Dec-00	South Melbourne	V	Sydney Olympic	Bob Jane Stadium
Sat 30-Dec-00	Marconi Stallions	V	Carlton SC	Marconi Stadium

NSL STATISTICS

LEADING GOALSCORERS

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE'S LEADING GOALSCORERS

Player	Club	Last Week	Total
Ben BURGESS	Northern Spirit	1	6
Joe MILLER	Parramatta Power	1	6
Archie THOMPSON	Carlton SC	-	6
Andy VLAHOS	South Melbourne	-	6
Jon Angelucci, Bobby Despotovski, Paul Foster, Damian Mori, Paul Trimboli			5

PERTH GLORY'S LEADING GOALSCORERS

Player	Last Week	Total
Bobby DESPOTOVSKI	-	5
Damian MORI	-	5
Brad MALONEY	-	3

NSL STATISTICS

CROWD COMPARISON

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE CROWD COMPARISON

Round 10 (2000/2001)	**21,178***
Round 10 (1999/2000)	**39,055**
Cumulative after Round 10 (2000/2001)	**402,051***
Cumulative after Round 10 (1999/2000)	**444,658**

*Round 10 figures incomplete - Carlton v Perth Glory postponed, Parramatta Power v Eastern Pride figures to be confirmed.

PERTH GLORY HOME CROWD COMPARISON *(Excluding Finals)*

Perth Glory v Marconi Stallions (1999/2000)	**16,140 & 13,152**
Perth Glory v Marconi Stallions BEST CROWD (1996/1997)	**17,582**

BOUND FOR GLORY

Date	Opponents	H/A	F-A	Att	1 Jason PETKOVIC	2 Rob TRAJKOVSKI	3 Jamie HARNWELL	4 Ljubo MILICEVIC	5 Vinko BULJUBASIC	6 Gareth NAVEN	7 Scott MILLER	8 Brad MALONEY	9 Alistair EDWARDS	10 Bobby DESPOTOVSKI	11 Kasey WEHRMAN	12 Peter BULJAN	13 Anthony DANZE	14 Dion VALLE	15 Edgar JUNIOR	16 Damian MORI	17 Gary FARIA	18 Shane PRYCE	19 John CARBONE	20 Tony FRANKEN	21 PJ ROBERTS	22 Antonio NAGLIERI	24 Aaron COLE	30 Tommi TOMICH
Sat 14 Oct	Wollongong Wolves	A	1-1	5443			4	S						Y					Y	1								
Sat 21	South Melbourne	H	0-0	14081		R						17		1	Y					Y	S							
Sun 29	Sydney United	A	1-2	5483		X	1				19	12		Y	Y	S							S					
Sat 4 Nov	Sydney Olympic	H	1-1	12894		X		S						1	Y	S			Y	12	4							
Sat 11	Eastern Pride	A	3-2	1846						12	Y	1				S				21		1	S					
Sat 18	Football Kingz	H	5-1	11909		17	14					12		Y12		S		S		3	S							
Fri 24	Northern Spirit	A	0-2	5764						Y12						S					S							
Sat 2 Dec	Adelaide City Force	H	2-0	10912			Y				14			12 1		S		S					Y21		S			
Sun 10	Newcastle United	H	4-0	11873		14	Y 1				Y			Y12 2		S		S	21 1				Y		S			
Postponed	Carlton	A																										
Sat 23	Marconi Stallions	H																										
Sat 30	Melbourne Knights	A																										
Sat 6 Jan	Brisbane Strikers	H																										
Fri 12	Parramatta Power	A																										
Sat 20	Canberra Cosmos	H																										
Sat 27	Wollongong Wolves	H																										
Sun 4 Feb	South Melbourne	A																										
Sat 10	Sydney United	H																										
Sun 18	Sydney Olympic	A																										
Sat 24	Eastern Pride	H																										
Fri 2 Mar	Football Kingz	A																										
Sat 10	Northern Spirit	H																										
Fri 16	Adelaide City Force	A																										
Fri 23	Newcastle United	A																										
Sat 31	Carlton	H																										
Sat 7 Apr	Marconi Stallions	A																										
Sat 14	Melbourne Knights	H																										
Sun 22	Brisbane Strikers	A																										
Wed 25	Parramatta Power	H																										
Sun 29	Canberra Cosmos	A																										
	Perth Glory Appearances				38	66	63	15	59	122	125	7	49	111	23	20	0	25	44	9	7	9	33	39	2	0	0	0
	Perth Glory Goals				0	4	7	2	1	5	10	3	20	45	0	1	0	0	1	5	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
	NSL Appearances				193	152	63	15	146	134	174	244	129	134	75	87	0	25	44	308	7	138	33	278	39	0	0	0
	NSL Goals				0	6	7	2	4	5	13	65	30	55	6	22	0	0	1	153	0	18	1	0	1	0	0	0

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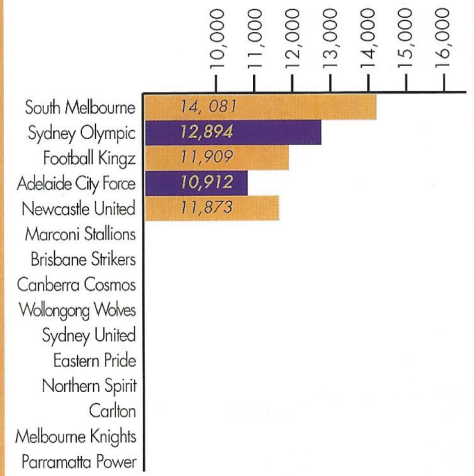

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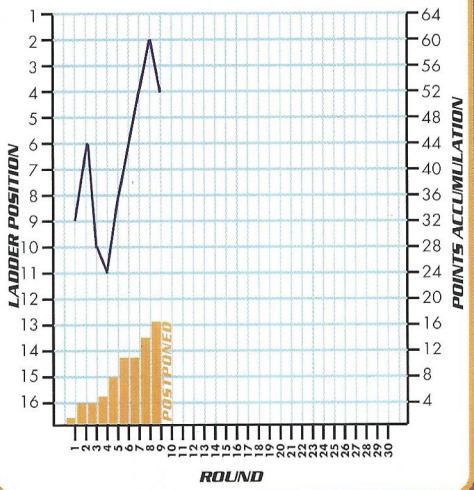

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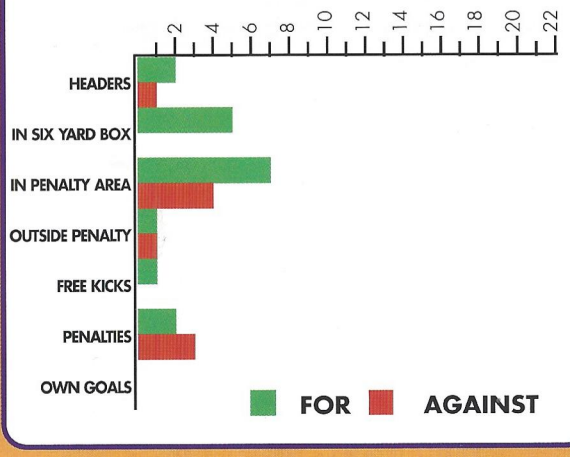

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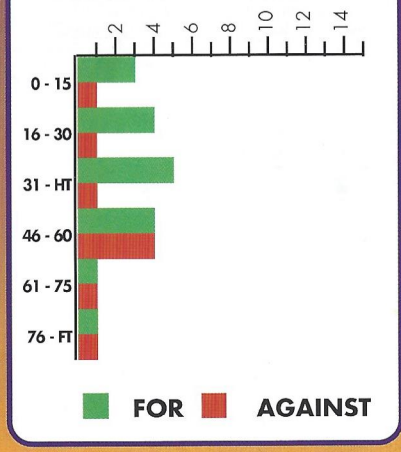

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CLUB HISTORY

Marconi came close to securing the first two NSL championships in 1977 and 1978, and were eventually victorious in 1979. The Stallions' real golden era started in the late 1980s with the club making three grand final appearances in a row between 1988 and 1990. Victories were achieved in 1988 (over Sydney United) and 1989 (over Sydney Olympic). Marconi's record-equalling fourth championship was secured in 1993 with a grand final win over Adelaide City.

One of only three teams to have competed in every season of the national league, Marconi holds the record for the most goals in the national league (1,119 after Round 10 of this season) and jointly for the number of premierships won (four), along with South Melbourne and now-extinct Sydney City.

It's been a mixed start to the 2000/01 campaign for the Stallions but it's more than likely they'll be amongst the challengers for a top-six spot come the end of the season.

Major signings: John Maisano (Helmond, Holland), Angelo Costanzo (Adelaide), Raphael Bove (Livorno, Italy), John Gibson (Parramatta), Norm Tome (Olympic), James Afkos (Glory), Saso Radulovic (Brisbane Lions)
Major losses: Zeljko Babic (St. Truiden, Belgium), Brad Maloney (Glory), Francis Awaritefe (Sydney United), Danny Invincibile (Swindon Town, UK), Daniel Severino (Piacenza)

HEAD-TO-HEAD RECORD (ALL NSL MATCHES)

v Opponent	P	W	D	L	F	A	Best result	Worst result
v Adelaide City Force	49	22	9	18	74	82	4-1	0-5
v Brisbane Strikers	19	6	4	9	25	24	5-1	0-2
v Canberra Cosmos	12	9	2	1	22	11	3-1	2-3
v Carlton	9	2	1	6	5	14	2-1	0-4
v Eastern Pride	18	11	6	1	39	15	5-1	2-3
v Football Kingz	3	1	0	2	4	7	1-3	0-3
v Melbourne Knights	33	12	6	15	43	48	5-0	0-6
v Newcastle United (Breakers)	17	3	3	11	18	30	3-1	2-5
v Northern Spirit	9	4	2	3	8	10	3-2	0-4
v Parramatta Power	3	1	1	1	3	3	2-0	0-2
v Perth Glory	11	1	5	5	15	19	3-2	0-1
v South Melbourne	47	21	10	16	81	65	7-0	0-3
v Sydney Olympic	57	16	18	23	79	80	7-1	0-5
v Sydney United	41	15	13	13	60	52	5-0	0-3
v Wollongong Wolves	42	21	10	11	82	53	6-0	0-4

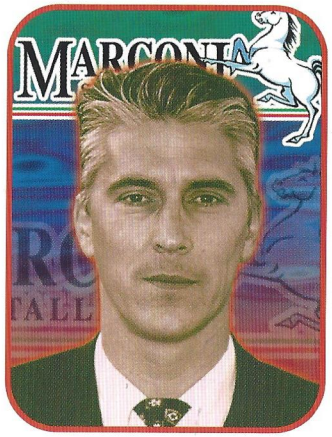
PERTH GLORY v MARCONI STALLIONS PREVIOUS RESULTS

1996/97	In Perth	Glory	1	Stallions	1
	In Sydney	Stallions	1	Glory	2
1997/98	In Perth	Glory	1	Stallions	1
	In Sydney	Stallions	0	Glory	1
1998/99	In Perth	Glory	2	Stallions	2
	In Sydney	Stallions	3	Glory	4
Semi-final	In Perth	Glory	1	Stallions	0
1999/2000	In Perth	Glory	3	Stallions	3
	In Perth	Glory	1	Stallions	0
	In Sydney	Stallions	1	Glory	1
	In Sydney	Stallions	3	Glory	2

COACH PROFILE
Eddie Krncevic

Coaching career - National Soccer League

Seasons	Club	Games	W-D-L
1997/98-98/99	Carlton	58	22-13-23
99/00-00/01	Marconi Stallions	46	19-11-16
TOTAL NSL		**104**	**41-24-39**



Five facts about Eddie Krncevic

- Born and raised in Melbourne
- Played 35 games and scored 17 goals for the Socceroos between 1979 and 1989
- Played in Europe between 1982 and 1996 with Dinamo Zagreb (Croatia), Duisberg (Germany), Cercle Bruge, Anderlecht, Liege, Aalst, Charleroi (Belgium) and Mulhouse (France)
- Belgium League Top Scorer in 1988/89 with Anderlecht
- Took new club Carlton to the 1997/98 NSL grand final in his first year of coaching

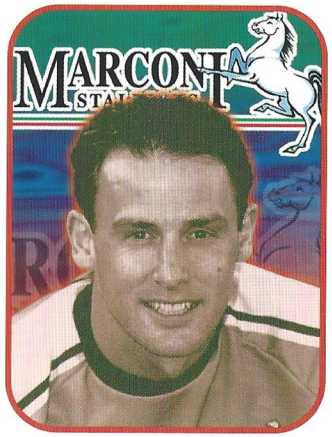
CAPTAIN PROFILE
Dominic Longo

Playing career - National Soccer League

Seasons	Club	Games	Goals
1989/90	Blacktown City	15	1
1990/91	St George	11	1
1991/92	Newcastle Breakers	20	0
1995/96-99/00-00/01	Marconi Stallions	124	3
TOTAL NSL		**170**	**5**

Playing career - other clubs

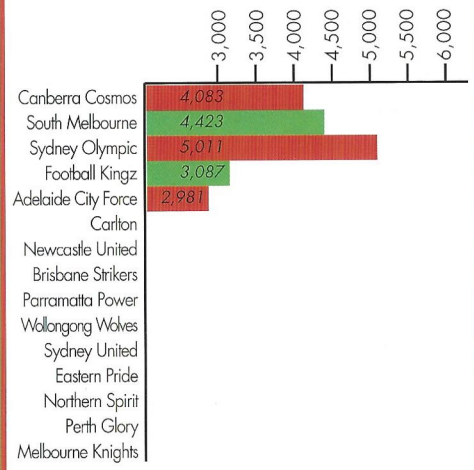
Seasons	Club	Country
1992/93-95/96	Cercle Bruge	Belgium



Five facts about Dominic Longo

- Born in Tasmania, came through junior ranks at Hobart Juventus
- Captained Australia at the World Youth Championships (under-16) in Canada in 1987
- Australian Institute of Sport scholarship holder 1988
- Represented Australia at the under-20 level, and at the under-23 level at the 1992 Olympic Games
- Played 13 games for the Socceroos between 1993 and 1998

CROWDS AT MARCONI STADIUM



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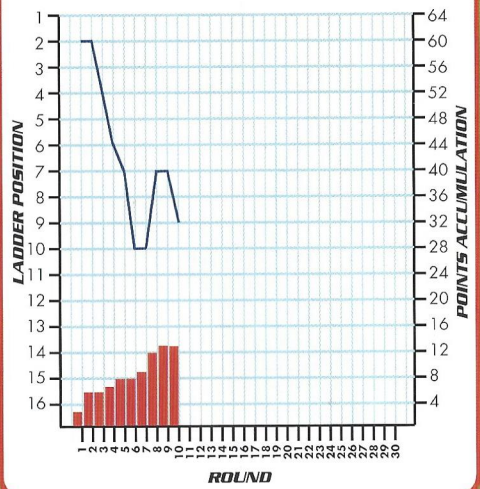


MARCONI STALLION'S FORM GUIDE

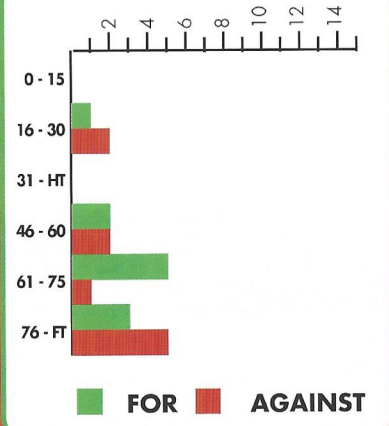
Last five results:

Rnd 10 v Adelaide City Force	(H)	- Lost 2-0
Rnd 9 v Northern Spirit	(A)	- Drew 0-0
Rnd 8 v Football Kingz	(H)	- Won 3-1
Rnd 7 v Eastern Pride	(A)	- Drew 0-0
Rnd 6 v Sydney Olympic	(H)	- Lost 3-2

LEADING GOALSCORERS THIS SEASON

Kris Trajanovski	3
Royce Brownlie	2

MARCONI'S GOALS WHEN THEY WERE SCORED



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Roberto Baggio, Stuart Pearce, Gareth Southgate and James Afkos would all have one thing in common if they ever got stuck in a lift together - they all know what it is like to miss a crucial kick in a penalty shoot-out.

For Baggio the stake was the highest of all, a World Cup, Pearce's miss meant England lost in a World Cup semi-final, Southgate's failure to convert sent Germany through to a European Championship finale, not England.

None of those matter to Glory fans as much as that moment against Wollongong when Les Pogliacomi saved James' spot-kick and the chance of the championship was gone. In a bitter irony, the young man who had the courage to step forward when other more experienced players did not, was taking his last kick in a Glory shirt, being released in the summer.

Today he returns with Marconi and he answered Bob Figg's questions on life, the universe and, of course, penalty shoot-outs.

James, how are you finding life in Sydney and what do you miss about Perth?
Life in Sydney is exciting, terrific and there's never a boring moment. I don't miss Perth at all with the exception of family and friends, which I keep in constant contact with over a weekly basis.

If the Glory are the club of the moment, Marconi are one of great tradition -are expectations high?
Expectations are extremely high. Marconi are a club that prides themselves on success and so there is always pressure to perform.

It has been a mixed start for the club, with recent wins easing the pressure a little. What has sparked the turnaround?
We have one of the best defences in the league in which we've only lost two games (three after last round's loss to Adelaide). In both games which we had lost (before last week), goals were scored against us were within 10 minutes of the final whistle. I think the boys have finally gelled as a unit on the park and the results are beginning to go in our favour.

The Glory of course are full-time and Marconi has just made the switch, how important is it to be a full-time player rather than training twice a week?

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Marconi have always had a heavy training program. This season Eddie has introduced morning sessions as well as afternoon sessions.

How has your own form been? A little bird tells us that you have rated fairly well in the man of the match votes when you have started.
I hadn't missed a pre-season game up until we played in Cairns where I tore ligaments in my ankle. That had ruled me out for the first five games of the season. But since then I've played every game and am only just now regaining full fitness and enjoying my time on the park.

At the Glory you had a fill-in role at times, what position are you filling with Marconi and who's the competition?
I was more of a utility player with Perth. With Marconi I have been playing as a right wing-back. There is a lot of competition at training with the large squad we have. There is a lot of pressure to perform at training or during games because if you are not doing well, you will be dropped.

Do you feel you have anything to prove coming back to Perth to play against Glory?
I don't have anything to prove playing against Perth. I am here with Marconi to win and secure three points for the club.

You'll have the lowdown of course on the Glory's strengths and weaknesses. Has Eddie Krncevic been picking your brains?
At the moment he has not asked me anything at all but I am sure as the week progresses he'll be at my heels asking how we can exploit the Glory's weaknesses.

Now, I have to ask, how many times, if at all have you dreamed about that penalty and in the dreams did you score?
As you are probably well aware, that first week after the Grand Final was a sleepless one. I do have regrets not scoring that penalty but at the end of the day it wasn't to be. I still think about "what if this" or "what if that" but the result stands.

With the benefit of time passing, how did it feel walking up to take it? There would be international players who've not had that sort of pressure in front of 43,000.
I was very relaxed walking up to take the penalty. We had been taking penalties two weeks before the Grand Final and I had not missed one, so I was extremely confident. But if it came down to this year's Grand Final in the same situation, I would not hesitate to step up to the spot.

With that behind you and a position at one of the competition's most glamorous clubs, what does the future hold?
I hope it will be a successful future in which I hope to be participating with Marconi in this year's Grand Final. I would also like to head over to Europe at the end of the season and mix it with the best.

Off the park, you were sitting exams at the end of the season. How did that go and what's the future off the park for James Afkos?
It was an extremely hectic week during exams, but I had passed all my units successfully. I will continue my studies in Sydney at the University of New South Wales in March. I have future ambitions to finish my mechanical engineering degree and to take over the family business as well as other family business interests.

Bob Figg

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TONY FRANKEN
SAVING HIS BEST 'TIL LAST

Tony Franken has been one of Australia's best keepers of his generation, but it seems he's saving his best for the twilight of his career.

While the soon-to-be 36-year-old is content playing back-up to the "fantastic" Jason Petkovic, his skills are in demand domestically and internationally.

So much so, Franken - the Glory's only part-time player - is seeking leave from his teaching duties at Prendiville Catholic College to concentrate fully on football.

The keeper confesses that he's involved in soccer more now than he ever was at the peak of his powers.

Not only the Glory's reserve keeper and goalkeeping coach, Frank Farina has called him up to assist with the Socceroos' shot-stoppers, as has Ange Postecoglou for the under-17s and under-20s.

"The school has been good to me on my previous tours, but it's getting hectic now," says Franken.

"I look like getting leave without pay for six months, at which time I'll reassess things.

"I hope to speak to the Glory in the new year and see what plans they've got for me, if any. I'd like to stay on as goalkeeping coach and remain registered as a player in case of emergencies.

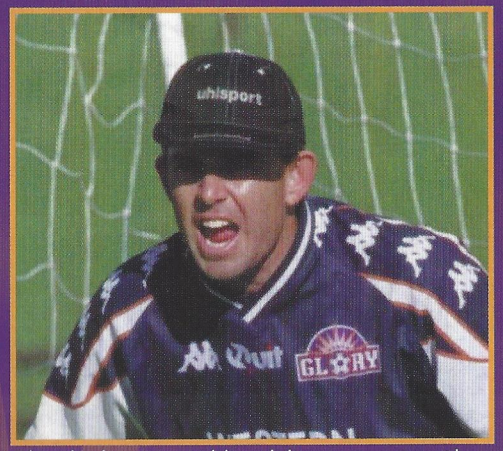
"I realise they'd probably want to get another keeper soon, but I believe I have a lot to offer the goalkeepers.

"I'm staying fit and while I haven't played in the last 18 months, I believe I have a lot of experience and could certainly do a good job for one or two matches, if required.

"It's what Neville Southall did at Bradford recently at the age of 40."

Steve Ogrizovic also came out of retirement for Coventry even more recently at age 42!

Few could argue with Franken's statements. He has



already demonstrated his ability to come in with no match practice and produce man of the match performances.

He held his place when taking over 'temporarily' from now Leeds United third-choice Danny Milosevic and also filled the big boots of Petkovic.

Experts such as Adelaide coach Zoran Matic and former Socceroos skipper turned TV commentator Paul Wade were glowing in their praise - as were the fans, rich in their recognition.

However, Franken has no illusions of displacing Petkovic, whom he believes is the best in the country.

"Jason's fantastic, he's playing out of his skin," says an admiring Franken.

"People said we weren't playing well at the start of the season, but we were picking up points.

"It was because Jason was making crucial saves at crucial times. Conservatively, he saved us six points in the first 12 rounds."

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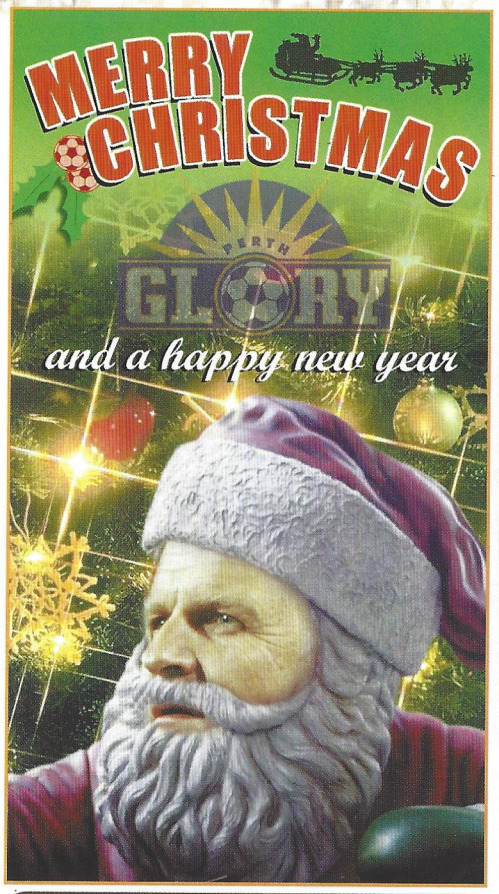
That's right - the Perth Glory Silent Auction is on today, so now's your chance to grab that last-minute Christmas present or secure a piece of Glory history for yourself. The auction is set up near the matchday office, behind the main grandstand, but hurry because bids will only be accepted up until half-time in today's match. There is some fantastic Glory memorabilia, including autographed soccer balls and shirts from this and previous seasons, along with signed blockmounted posters of Glory players. In fact, there's probably something there for every soccer fan and of course, the money goes to a very worthwhile cause, with all proceeds being donated to the Glory's two nominated charities for the season, The Speech and Hearing Centre and the Association for Services to Torture and Trauma Survivors.

Glory Out And About!

The last fortnight was another busy one for the Glory boys in the community. Brad Maloney and Damian Mori went back to school last week, but this time they were the teachers as Damian visited Collier Primary School in Como and Brad went to Camberrawara Primary School in Craigie to teach the children some soccer skills. All players, along with Bernd Stange and Mich d'Avray were down at Perth Oval later that week helping out with coaching clinics and signing autographs before their own training session, then Jamie Harnwell and Anthony Danze were out in the northern suburbs, testing their skills at Timezone in Joondalup.

Player Promotions For The Next Week

There have been no promotions or player appearances scheduled for the following week - we think the Glory boys deserve a well-earned break - but they will be back in action in 2001, supporting and helping out within the community.



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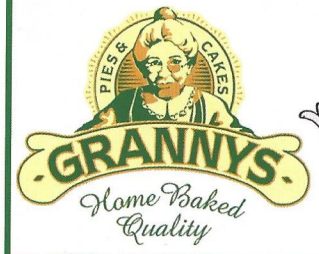

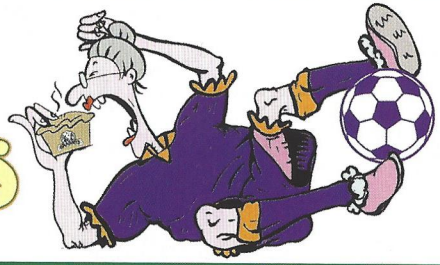

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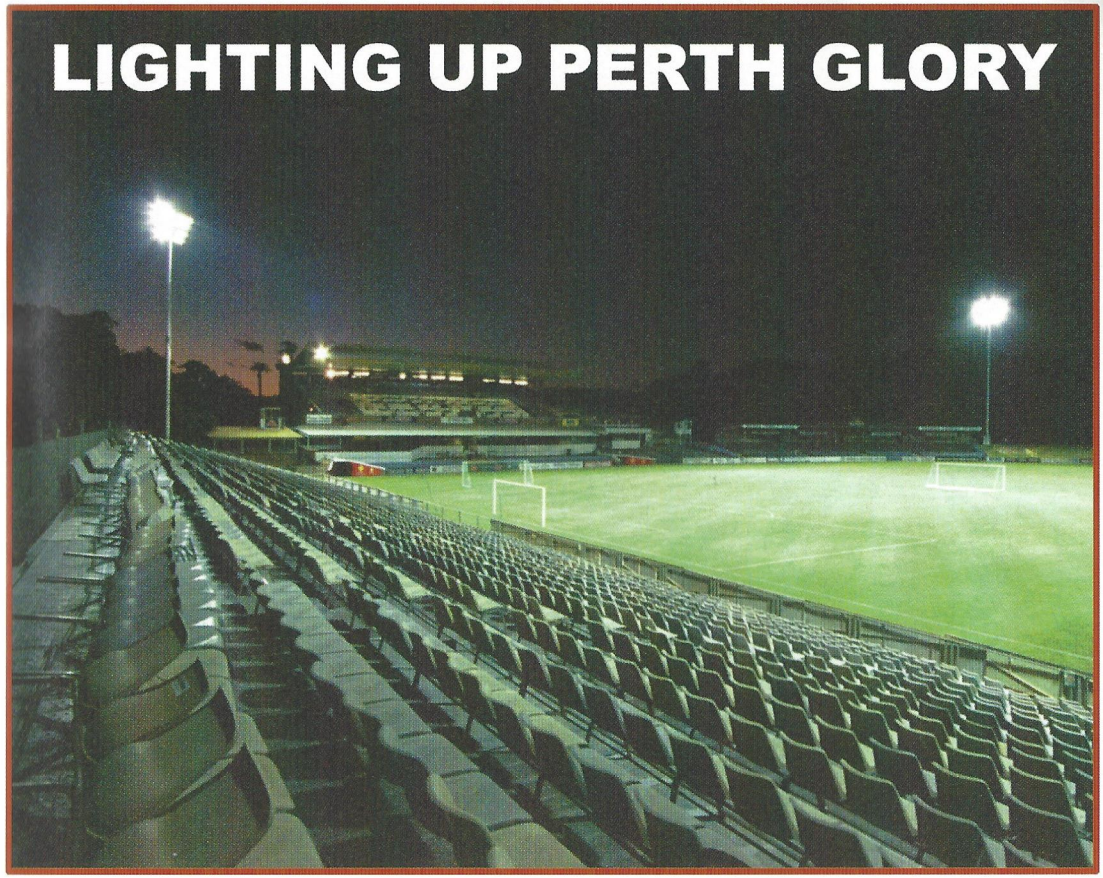

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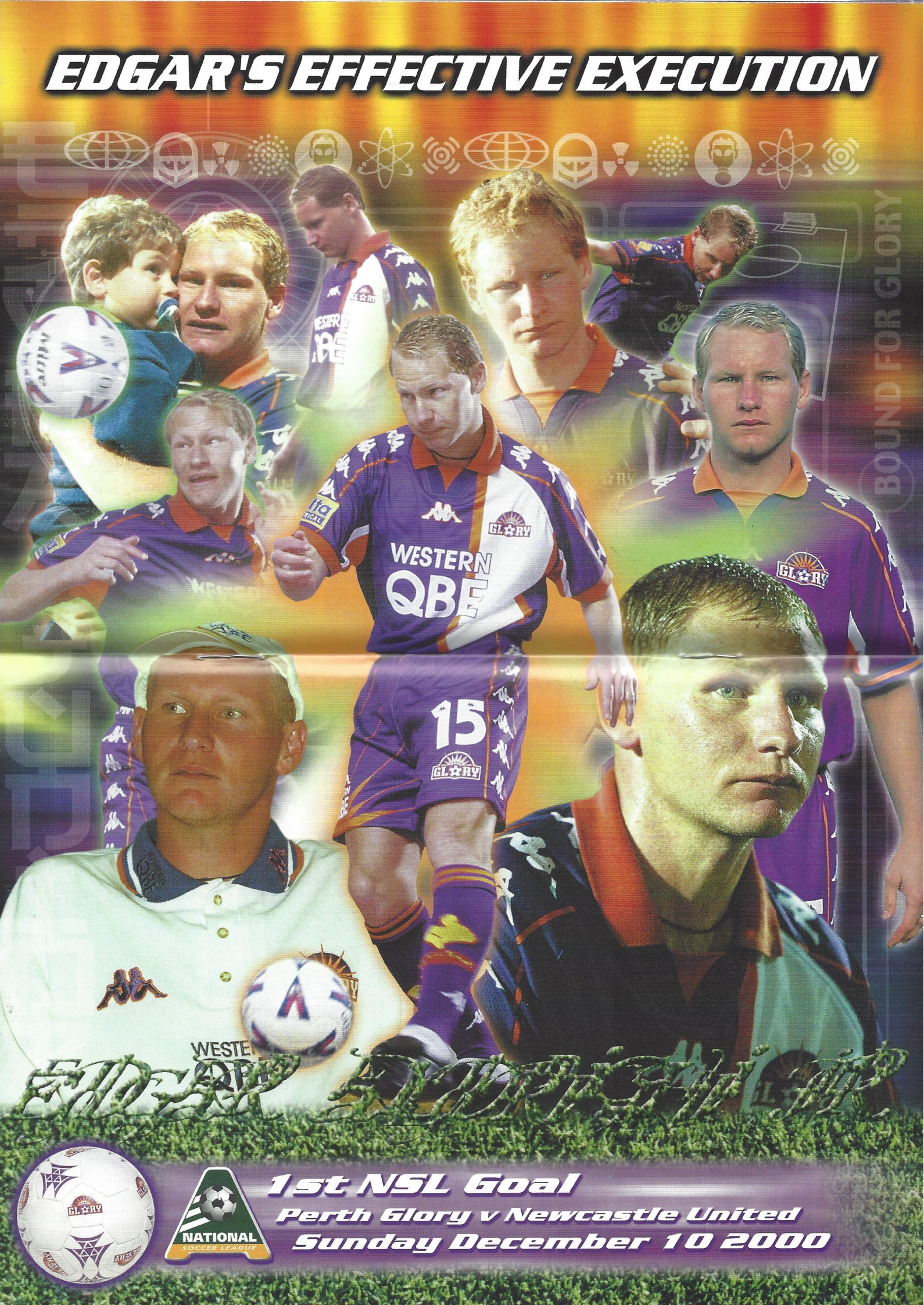

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DION VALLE

VALLEY OF THE GIANTS

Need an update on how many yellow cards Glory players have this season? Forget the statistics gurus, just ask Dion Valle.

He is keeping a careful count, especially where Jamie Harnwell and Shane Pryce are concerned. There's nothing malicious about this interest; it is just that Dion knows he will only get another chance when either Pryce or Harnwell are absent.

"Unfortunately you wait for yellow cards or an injury. All I need is one chance," explains Dion, one of the Glory squad players who knows that he has to make the most of any opportunity that comes along.

"Against Sydney United, Bernd (Stange) said I was the best defender. Every time I have gone on I have shown I want to play.

"All credit to Shane and Jamie, they have done well but obviously I want to play. I just have to do my best."

Ask Dion if he would rather be with another club playing regularly or with the Glory getting chances only now and again, and the pause is from genuine thoughtfulness, not a desire to say "the right thing".

And when he finally declares: "I would prefer to be at the Glory than playing regularly in another team because I know when I get my chance, I will stay in the team," you know it is not bravado but the sort of genuine belief that gets fringe players through training every day, even when they are not in the side.

Dion will face the same challenge as others who break into the team mid-season - building up match fitness. It has been a constant irritant for the Glory that there are no competitive matches for those on the edge of the team.

"When I get match fitness it allows me to get forward three or four times in a game. Without match fitness you have to watch the forward runs, or the defending suffers."

From a Chilean background, Dion has an extended family and misses the regular get-togethers of the Valle clan.

There are compensations though in living in WA.

"I love WA, I really love Perth," he says. "All the benefits outweigh the negatives.

"Perth has a lot of positives. I love the beach, the weather and the lifestyle," says Dion, who can often be seen enjoying the al fresco atmosphere of Fremantle's South Terrace strip on a weekend morning.

He also has another task to keep him busy as Christmas approaches, he will be hosting a festive celebration for the other "Glory orphans", those players who will be celebrating far from home.

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"The chance is going to come, I know that," he explains.

When the opportunity does come, you get the impression Dion Valle will make the most of it.

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BRAD MALONEY
BUGSY'S NO BUNNY

Former Marconi Stallions captain Brad Maloney will be disappointed if he doesn't get a chance to pull on the strip against his old club tonight. Not that there will be any animosity involved. It's simply that Maloney is such a determined character that he's disappointed each time he's not in a starting line-up.

The past four weeks have been sheer agony for the go-go midfielder...and nothing really to do with the ankle ligament injury that sidelined him after the away game against Northern Spirit on November 24.

"I'm not a good spectator...I'd rather be in there playing than watching," he said.

He's now fully fit...thanks, in the main, to his hard-work ethic. The energy he normally expends in the midfield engine room in each game was put to good use, fuelling his rapid recovery from an injury that had been at first feared would keep him out until the new year.

"I'm pleased with how quickly I've managed to get back into full training and I think, too, that it is a credit to the doctors and physios who have worked with me," he said.

Glory skipper Gareth Naven played a part, too. Naven damaged medial ligaments in his right knee in the Spirit fixture and the pair have been sharing the comeback trail in the past few weeks, egging each other on, pushing and competing on the periphery of the training track.

Naven, however, is still a few weeks away from being available for selection.

"His injury was probably worse because he played on for quite a while in the Spirit match before coming off and I went off straight away and probably did less damage," said Maloney.

"The physios also got working on me right away. I went to hospital in Sydney and then stayed there for a couple of days, getting treatment twice a day. They always say that the first 48 hours is the crucial period in an injury. I was lucky that I managed to do all the right things at the right time. I think that has stood to me."

The timing of his return could not be better. He is anxious to become part of the Glory success story again...the team is unbeaten with two impressive wins since the Spirit loss...and to face his old club.

He turned his back on wearing the skipper's armband at Marconi...still regarded by many as the biggest club in the NSL...and a job with his brother in a family business to re-locate to Perth earlier this year to try his hand at being a full-time player.

It was something he had always wanted to do, concentrate totally on a sport that he had lived and breathed since his teenage years with another Sydney club, Apia Leichhardt. He has also played for Newcastle and Sydney Olympic and spent five years at Marconi, three of them as captain.

"I played some of my best football with Marconi, so there are a lot of fond memories there and I still have many friends with the club," said Maloney.

But, at the age of 28, he didn't hesitate when the Glory came calling to move lock, stock and barrel to the other side of the country last August.

"It wasn't easy to leave Marconi, but how could I resist Perth," said Maloney. "Perth has the ambition and the infrastructure to go far and being a full-time player gives me so much more time to concentrate on my football. Hopefully, I will be a better player for it."

He trains two or three times a week on his own and also has time to study for a Master of Business degree. He had been doing the course by correspondence in Sydney, but will study a few days a week at Edith Cowan University from next February.

Coming to Perth was the biggest move the Sydney-born player had ever made, although eight years ago he nearly ended up in Holland. He was offered a contract by Dutch first division side Den Bosch, which had been impressed with his efforts during Australia's romp to the semi-finals of the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona.

Maloney did sign up, but couldn't swing a work permit. Since then, he has been totally focused on the NSL, with no regrets. He has still managed to play for the Socceroos...nine caps so far...and still has ambitions to pull on the Aussie strip again.

"I think every player in the NSL should aspire to play for Australia," he said. "It's a great motivating factor. I know I'd love to play in an international again. If I can turn in a few more good performances and score a few more goals maybe I'll be able to catch Frank Farina's eye. I'll keep trying, anyway."

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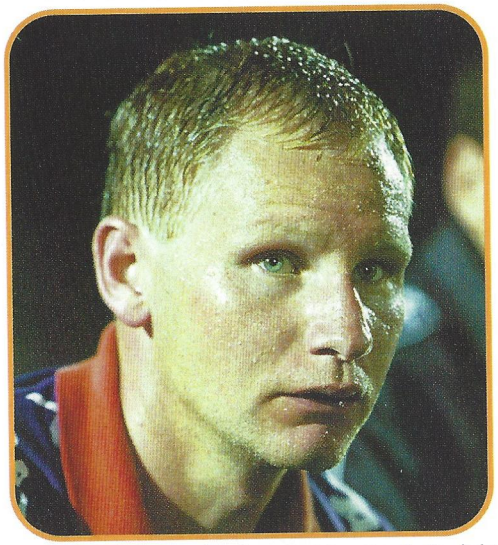

Glory's quiet achiever Edgar Junior was thrust into the limelight after he scored his first NSL goal against Newcastle United.

PERTH GLORY 4 NEWCASTLE UNITED 0

Edgar 18
Harnwell 28
Despotovski 40, 41

Half-Time score 4-0

Yellow Cards-
Perth Glory - Scott Miller, Bobby Despotovski, Jamie Harnwell, John Carbone
Newcastle United - Daniel McBreen, Todd McManus, Peter Tsekenis, Andy Roberts, Peter Juchniewicz

Attendance- 11,873

Perth Glory jumped to second on the table, just one point behind leaders South Melbourne, after hammering bogey-team Newcastle 4-0 at Perth Oval. Two goals in a minute by Bobby Despotovski and singles to Edgar Junior and Jamie Harnwell saw the Glory record their first win against Newcastle in two seasons, and their first-ever against the Steel City side at Perth Oval. But it was the visitors who went closest early, Jason Petkovic diving bravely at the feet of Daniel McBreen to deny him what looked a certain goal, then deflecting Anthony Magnacca's free-kick onto the upright soon after. However, it was Edgar who opened the scoring after 18 minutes. The Brazilian turned his opponent brilliantly in the area and buried a low shot into the far corner for his first Glory goal. Ten minutes later, it was 2-0. From a short corner, John Carbone whipped over a great cross and when the ball dropped in the area, Harnwell lashed it into the roof of the net from eight yards. Despotovski increased the lead after 40 minutes when he ran onto a through ball and coolly clipped it over the advancing Bob Catlin. Then within 60 seconds, the Perth striker struck again. Scott Miller led a swift counter-attack and superbly picked out Despotovski running up the inside left channel. Again his finish was brilliant as he stroked the ball inside the far post from a tight angle. The Glory eased off a bit after the break but still could have added two or three more goals. Catlin denied Despotovski a hat-trick, then Damian Mori and substitute Dion Valle had chances but were denied by wonderful reflex saves by the veteran Newcastle keeper. Another replacement, Peter Buljan might have added a fifth right on full-time but, after doing most of the hard work, he blazed over from 16 yards.

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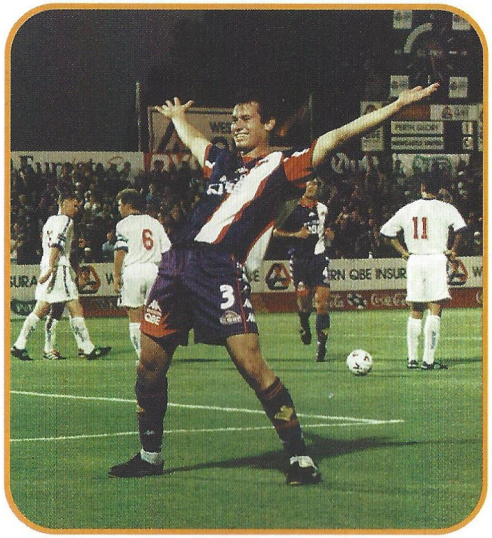
Glory's big men, Ljubo Milicevic and Jason Petkovic, kept the visitors scoreless in the Glory's first home victory over Newcastle.



Jamie Harnwell scored his second goal of the season to take his tally to seven Glory goals.

BEST FOR PERTH GLORY:
Edgar Junior, Bobby Despotovski, Scott Miller, Jamie Harnwell

BERND STANGE'S THOUGHTS:
"I believe we played skilful and entertaining soccer again, especially in the first half."
"I am very happy with our performance today. Okay, the second half , maybe we did not work as a team together as well, but we had some chances. And now we have scored 11 goals in our last three games and we have got only one against us."

Subs- Peter Buljan for Despotovski (54 mins), Dion Valle for Trajkovski (54 mins). PJ Roberts for Edgar (65 mins)

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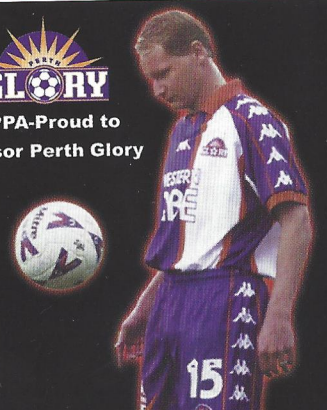

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ON THE ROAD
PERMANENT BLUES FOR CARLTON?

Unfortunately, the scheduled Round 10 match between Perth Glory and Carlton at Epping Stadium last week did not go ahead, after the Victorian side were forced to postpone their game for the second successive week. Following another week of crisis meetings in Melbourne, the match was officially called off by Soccer Australia on Friday, less than 24 hours before the Glory squad were due to leave Perth.

It ended a week that was so farcical, it was almost comical. The word coming from the eastern states was changing every few hours. The Glory players and coaches would go to bed one night having been reassured the match would almost certainly go ahead, only to wake the next morning and hear the deal was off again. The situation continued for the whole week and the first thing players would ask club officials when they'd finished training was whether or not they were playing at the weekend. It was a terrible preparation and, judging by the understandable flatness of some of the players towards the end of the week, it was probably just as well it was called off.

However Carlton, who are under voluntary administration, were quite keen for the match to proceed as a prominent Melbourne businessman had guaranteed to pay their players' match payments, but for that game only. But neither he, nor anyone else, could guarantee they'd still be in the competition a few days later. So were they expecting the Glory to travel over, with airfare and accommodation costs, to participate in a match and risk red cards and injury for a game that might be of no relevance in a week or so, and with all points and goals deleted if Carlton go under as seems most likely?

Amongst the headlines that week were:
'Carlton Appoint Administrator'
'Carlton Stay Alive'
'Glory Game Still In Doubt'
'Carlton Saved By Late Cash Injection'
'Taxman Puts Glory Game In Doubt'
'Third Bidder For Carlton'
'Glory Game Back On At Epping'
'Carlton - Perth Match Postponed'
'Discussions To Continue Until Monday'

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One match that definitely will be going ahead is the Round 19 clash between the Glory and Sydney Olympic at the Belmore Sports Ground on Sunday February 18. And you can be there, along with an ever-increasing group of travelling Glory fans to cheer on Bernd Stange's side. The "Tour of Duty", as it's been dubbed, will see you leave Perth on Friday February 16, spending three nights in Sydney, before returning to WA, hopefully with all three points in the bag. This trip has already attracted tremendous interest, with almost 60 supporters having already booked and paid. There has been an extra allocation of flight tickets but even these are going quickly, so book now and don't miss the plane. Bookings can be made through Traveland, the Official Perth Glory Members' Travel Agent, on 9322 9099.

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RED STAR BELGRADE TO TOUR

According to mid-week reports, FK Cvena Zvezda, better known as Red Star Belgrade, will be visiting Australia in January next year as guests of the Fitzroy City Soccer Club in Melbourne. The visit is part of Red Star's mid-season preparation. The last time Red Star visited Perth, was 20 years ago, when they trounced the WA State side 5-0 at the Lake Monger Velodrome.

MATILDAS TO FACE FRANCE

The third Australia Cup featuring the Matildas and France will bring top international women's soccer to the regional centres of Coffs Harbour, Lismore, and the Gold Coast this January. The three match series will be held in regions considered significant soccer strongholds, with women's soccer in particular, showing exciting trends of growth. The series marks the first step in the next four-year plan for the Matildas, coming off its Sydney 2000 Olympic Games campaign. The French are considered the latest big mover on the world scene and will be tough opponents, as they are in serious preparation for the 2001 UEFA European Championship Finals Tournament. They qualified undefeated in winning Group One, three points ahead of Olympic 2000 nation Sweden.

STRIKERS SCORE NEW GROUND

The Brisbane Strikers moved a step closer to shoring up a place in a revamped National Soccer League after signing a two-year deal to play at the sentimental home of Queensland rugby, Ballymore. Under the deal unveiled during the week, the Strikers will play all their games for the remainder of the season from February next year at Ballymore. Strikers chairman Ross Melville said the club had also secured an option to play all its games there until mid-2003. The Strikers will play their last game at Suncorp Metway, previously known as Lang Park, next week against Adelaide City Force. Last week it was revealed former Brisbane Lord Mayor Clem Jones had contributed $250,000 in sponsorship to the Strikers, taking his commitments in the last 12 months to close to $400,000.

PRIDE HOLD ON TO WATKINS & GRIFFITHS

Northern Spirit pair, Adam Griffiths and Daniel Watkins will remain with Eastern Pride for a further eight weeks. Originally on loan for four weeks, the Spirit have agreed for the Pride to keep the talented duo until early next year.

COFFS HARBOUR TO ALSO HOST WORLD CUP GAMES

For only the second time, the Socceroos will play World Cup qualifiers outside a capital city after a committee of representatives from the Coffs Harbour soccer and business communities beat a rival bid from Gosford to host the first stage of Australia's 2002 World Cup qualifying campaign. The preliminary tournament, which also includes Samoa, Fiji, American Samoa and Tonga, will be played between April 8 and 20. Plans for Australia to play England in late May are taking shape, with the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff the likely venue. Farina wants to use the game as a tune-up for the Confederations Cup in Japan and Korea between May 30 and June 10. Meanwhile, the race to replace Basil Scarsella as chairman of Soccer Australia is hotting up, with former Canberra Cosmos chairman Ian Knop and former Sydney Olympic chairman Gary Punch joining the list of contenders. Victorian Soccer Federation president Joe Brondolino and NSL chairman Tony Labbozzetta have already declared their interest in replacing Scarsella, who will leave the post at the annual meeting in February after becoming the new president of the Oceania Football Confederation.

CLUB WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIERS IN PORT MORESBY

The Oceania Football Confederation has confirmed Port Moresby as the venue for the Oceania qualifying tournament for the Club World Championship. Australian champions Wollongong Wolves will be joined by 10 other national club champions in the tournament between January 9 and 21. The winners will advance to the Club World Championship in Spain next July.

FOXE LOANED OUT?

The rumour mill has Premier League club West Ham United loaning Socceroo Hayden Foxe out to Belgian First Division side Mechelen, while the Hammers continue to try and sort out the defender's work permit situation. Another Australian defender, Mark Rudan, was recently also on trial at Mechelen. Interest in Mark Viduka from Italy continues to mount, with Serie-A club side Roma reportedly joining the queue of clubs interested in speaking with the Socceroo striker.

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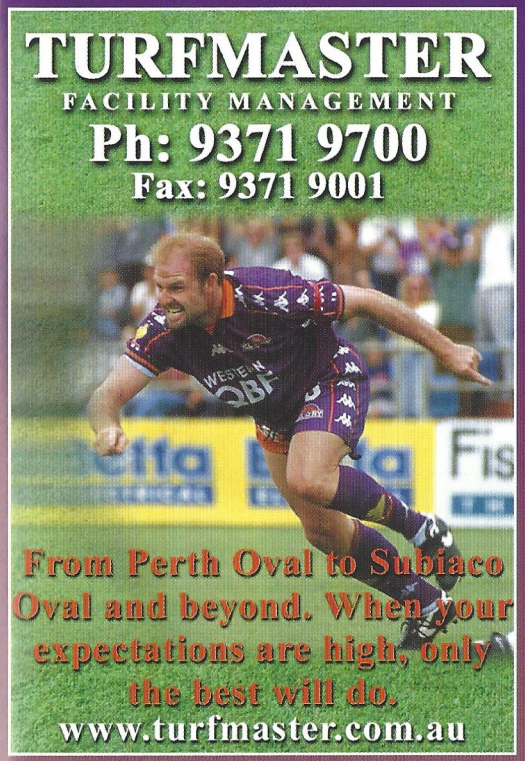

FIGO THANKS HARD WORK

Luis Figo, named European Footballer of the Year last Monday, said the award reflected a year of hard work. Figo, who moved from Barcelona to Real Madrid for 36 million pounds in July after Portugal were knocked out in the Euro 2000 semi-finals, was awarded the "Golden Ball" in a poll of soccer journalists. "I don't consider myself to be the best or the worst. All I know is that this award is a recognition of a job well done over the past year," the Portuguese international said. The Real Madrid winger had words of thanks for his family, teammates and the fans of Portugal and Real Madrid, although he pointedly omitted any reference to the Barcelona fans who gave him such a hostile reception on his return to the Camp Nou in October. Figo, who came second to Zinedine Zidane in the FIFA World Player of the Year poll last week, is the third Real Madrid player to win the prestigious award. Alfredo Di Stefano won it twice (1957 and 1959) and Raymond Kopa once (1958) during Real's golden era in the 1950s. Real Madrid captain Fernando Hierro said that the award came as no surprise to him or the other players at the club. "He really deserves it. As well as being a fantastic player, he is a great teammate." Figo was also named "player of the year" by the influential magazine World Soccer.

PALERMO FOR UPTON PARK?

English Premier League club West Ham are lining up a $27million deal to bring Boca Juniors striker Martin Palermo to Upton Park. Manager Harry Redknapp said: "Martin is top drawer. He will cost about £10million, but we are looking all over the world for good players." Palermo, nicknamed 'El Loco' or Crazy, is currently with Boca, winners of this season's Apetura Tournament, but is known to be keen on a move to Europe. Italian side Napoli and Spanish giants Valencia are also known to have made bids for the Argentine international, but Boca Juniors president Mauricio Macri has reportedly confirmed that West Ham have made the highest bid so far. Redknapp has plenty of funds available for transfer after Rio Ferdinand's £18m move to Leeds, but the likelihood of him spending most of it on a striker is minimal. He has stated on several occasions that his priority is to sign a central defender, as a replacement for Ferdinand. Palermo shot to fame for all the wrong reasons during the last Copa America, when his three goals were overshadowed by the three penalties he missed in a match against Colombia. After a last minute wages wrangle, Redknapp is still also hoping to capture Liverpool striker Titi Camara by the end of this week.

FIFA APPLAUDS DI CANIO

West Ham United striker Paulo Di Canio has been praised by FIFA president Sepp Blatter for an act of fair play during the Hammers' game against Everton last weekend. Di Canio refused to take a goalscoring opportunity in the final minutes because Everton goalkeeper Paul Gerrard was on the ground injured. The match ended 1-1. Blatter has written to congratulate the Italian striker and the official FIFA website reported: "Gestures like this are all too rare in football, especially at the professional level," Blatter wrote: "Your spontaneous action in the game against Everton thus deserves our special recognition and respect. I would like to congratulate and thank you on behalf of FIFA and all fair-minded football fans for this splendid gesture made in the true spirit of fair play, and encourage you to continue to set such positive examples for others to follow." Leeds United's South African international Lucas Radebe was awarded the FIFA Fair Play award earlier this month, but the website said Di Canio's gesture could be taken into consideration for next year's presentation.

FIFA TO INTRODUCE BOND

FIFA, soccer's world governing body, plans to launch a bond next year, backed by the sale of marketing rights, to help it cover expenses between World Cups. A FIFA spokesman declined to give the size of the bond but said it was a "much smaller amount" than the figure of US$1 billion (AU$1.85bn) suggested in some quarters. FIFA operates on a four-year financial cycle that begins and ends with the World Cup. Normally it borrows money to cover the cost of staging the tournament and its operations, and repays these loans at the end of the cycle. The bond will help it even out liquidity flows. FIFA were unable to give solid details of the bond but it will be not be based on the television rights for the next World Cup which are expected to raise 1.3 billion Swiss francs (AU$1.4bn). Instead it will be based on the 350 million Swiss francs (AU$384 million) raised by selling the rights to use the FIFA name and associated trademarks.

LNF SUSPEND ST ETIENNE PAIR

The French National Soccer League (LNF) has suspended St Etienne players Alex of Brazil and Maxim Levytsky from Ukraine, pending an investigation into their passports. Police are investigating the passports produced by the pair and the LNF decided to suspend them until January 9 when it will make a decision on their future. Clubs are allowed only three players from outside the European Union and often request French citizenship for their foreign players or Portuguese passports for their Brazilian recruits.

ARGENTINE LAWYER CALLS FOR DEFERRAL

Lawyer Eduardo Guarna has asked for the suspension of all Argentine Football Association tournaments until a solution to crowd violence is found. Guarna also put up a request for the courts to investigate whether Interior Minister Frederico Storani and Buenos Aires province's Security Minister Ramón Verón have failed to comply with obligations inherent to their governmental roles. Meanwhile, on Monday, Veron put up a proposal to hold 'risky' local tournament games at neutral venues, behind closed doors, in order to avoid further violence in and around football stadiums. The debate was sparked by renewed violence last weekend, when a Deportivo Morón fan was killed during a National B Division clash against Almirante Brown. Racing Club hooligans also clashed with police inside the Racing stadium, leaving around 20 civilians and a security agent wounded. In other developments, it was alleged that a Buenos Aires province policeman, Alfredo Silva, is considered a leading suspect in the death of Deportivo Morón fan Mariano Guaraz. According to police sources, there is allegedly enough evidence to indict Silva.

HIDDINK IS NEW SOUTH KOREAN BOSS

Former Netherlands boss Guus Hiddink recently signed to become coach of the South Korean national team. The ex-Real Madrid manager will start in his new post on January 1 and is contracted to look after the team until the end of the 2002 World Cup in Japan and Korea. Few details have been released by the Korean Football Association other than to say that Hiddink is at liberty to bring in his own assistant and that he will be entitled to a bonus if the country makes the round of 16 at the finals. Hiddink was watching from the stands last Wednesday night when his new side played a friendly against Asian champions and their 2002 World Cup co-hosts, Japan.

USA WANT FIFA CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

The United States will bid to stage the 2003 FIFA Club World Championship. Alan Rothenberg, the former president of the US Soccer Federation and chairman of US organisers for the 1994 World Cup, made the announcement during the week. The first Club World Championship, last January in Brazil, was won by Brazilian club Corinthians. The second tournament is scheduled for July 29-Aug. 12 in Spain. FIFA increased the field from eight to 12 teams: two each from CONCACAF (North and Central America and the Caribbean), South America, Africa, Asia and Europe, plus one from Oceania and the champion of the Spanish League.

GOALKEEPER FAKES INJURY

Veteran Tunisian goalkeeper Chokri El Ouaer faces a lengthy ban if he is found to have faked a serious injury in an attempt to get last Sunday's African Champions League final abandoned. The Confederation of African Football said they would study the report of the referee and the match commissioner after a bizarre incident in the second leg of the final between Ghana's Hearts of Oak and Esperance of Tunisia. El Ouaer, the Esperance captain, appeared to cut himself on the head with a sharp object during an 18-minute stoppage, then ran from his goal area to the halfway line with blood streaming from his face before collapsing on the pitch. CAF said an emergency meeting could be called to make a decision on El Ouaer if necessary, or a decision may be deferred until their club competition committee meets in February. Esperance, who were leading 1-0 before the stoppage 15 minutes from time, went on to lose 1-3 to Hearts for a 2-5 aggregate defeat. Esperance made a formal protest at the result of the second leg after Sunday's game, claiming El Ouaer had been struck by a projectile and their team's performance affected by the lengthy stoppage in the second half. South African referee Robin Williams and linesman Achmat Sallie confirmed to journalists they had seen the player inflict the cut on himself. In 1989, FIFA banned Chilean goalkeeper Roberto Rojas for life after he faked injury during a World Cup qualifier in Brazil. Chile did not qualify for the 1990 finals and were also suspended for the qualifiers for the 1994 World Cup.

POLICE BLAMED FOR ROUGH PLAY

Ghana fans have condemned the police for what has been described as the indiscriminate firing of tear gas at last weekend's Accra v Esperance game. Ghana's police service fired tear gas cannisters into the stands when there had apparently been no provocation, and now Ghanaians are calling for the local police to be prevented from controlling crowds. Many fear that the Confederation of African Football (CAF) will sanction the Hearts of Oak club so that Ghana might lose the right to host the African Super Cup on February 11 between the Accra side and Zamalek of Egypt. One of Ghana's most accomplished footballers, Abedi Ayew, said that he felt sad about the terrible incidents which halted the match for some time.

Collected by Richard Kreider

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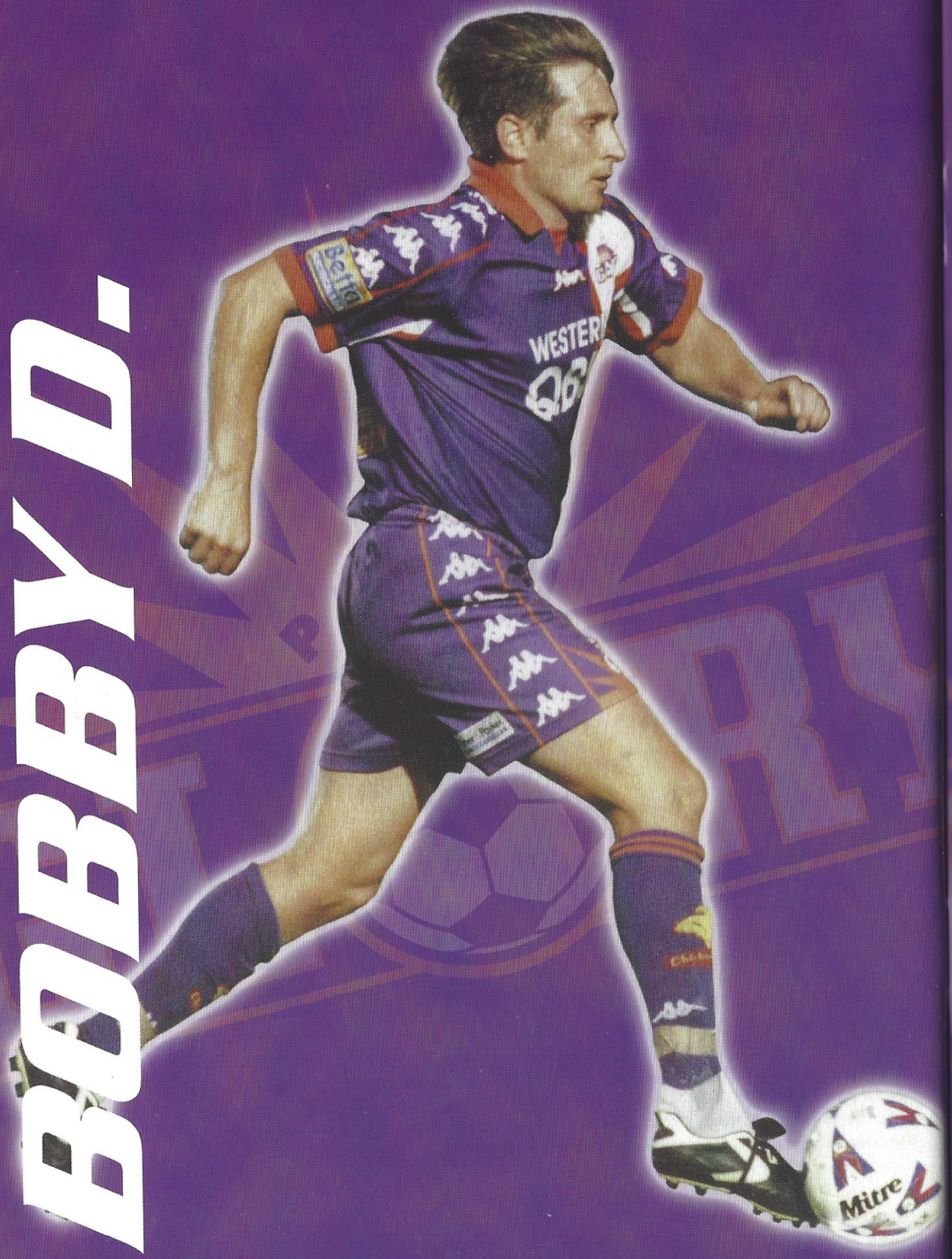

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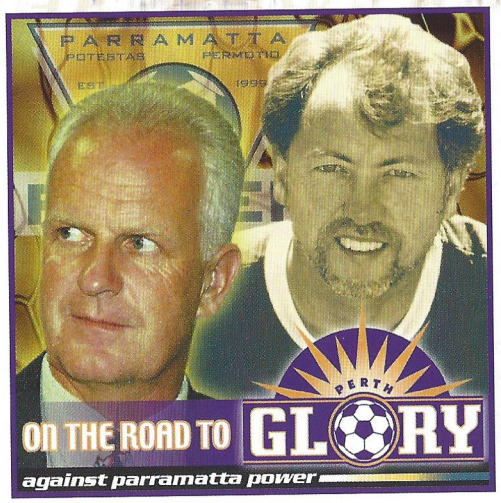

The Power And The Glory

Obviously with the (eventual) postponement of the Carlton match last week, there was no coverage of the game at the Hotel Ibis. However, there will be another match on the big screen. The Round 14 clash between the Glory and Parramatta will be broadcast live via C7 at the Hotel Ibis on Friday January 12. Again, tickets are $12 which includes a buffet meal, with doors opening at 3:30pm and kick-off at 4:30pm. Please be sure to bring your members or season ticket cards as they will need to be presented upon entry. For bookings, please call Perth Glory on 9383 9911.

As was the case for the screening of the Northern Spirit match, the Official Perth Glory Shed Supporters Club will be holding a similar function at the Mercure Hotel in Perth for the Parramatta game. Entry there will also be $12 (including a buffet). Bookings for this screening are essential and can be made by contacting Basil Hanna on 0414 916 738.

Glory Shed BBQ

Glory Shed members should book their places early for the Perth Glory Official Supporters Club Glory Shed Branch BBQ on January 21 to assist the club with catering orders. All food is supplied by the club but members need to bring their own drinks. Children are very welcome and Glory players have been invited. For more information and to make bookings, please contact Basil Hanna on 0414 916 738.

CHECK OUT THESE EXCITING FEATURES ON THE OFFICIAL PERTH GLORY WEBSITE www.perthglory.com.au

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Have you ever wanted to know what really goes on behind closed doors at the press conferences after Glory matches? Well, now you can. By clicking onto the results section on the Official Perth Glory website, www.perthglory.com.au, you can hear the entire, unedited post-match thoughts of both coaches and whichever Glory player happens to be selected by the media to attend the press conference.

Anyone For Dirty Shirts?

It's not usually something that would get many people too excited - but then these aren't your normal dirty shirts. In fact they are a selection of Perth Glory players' official playing shirts from seasons 1997/98, 1998/99 and 1999/00 that have been signed by the whole team from the corresponding season and they are available for sale on line in the Glory Shop at the Official Perth Glory website, www.perthglory.com.au

No Excuses This Year

It's the same story every year. You try to do all your Christmas shopping early and send all your cards before the last post...but there's always someone that gets forgotten, or someone you can't quite find the right card for - well, not this year. Now you can send a Perth Glory Christmas card anywhere in the world in a matter of seconds. It's available for all Glory Web Members - just go to the official website and click on membership and then website membership to subscribe for free. The Christmas card is in the member login pages.

On Line Auction

There's a very special piece of Glory memorabilia currently on offer at the Official Perth Glory website's on line auction. Bids for Vinko Buljubasic's long-sleeved playing shirt from the side's inaugural season in 1996/97 will be accepted until December 31, 2000. To place your bid and be in the running for this wonderful item, simply enter the Glory website and click onto the Glory Shop.

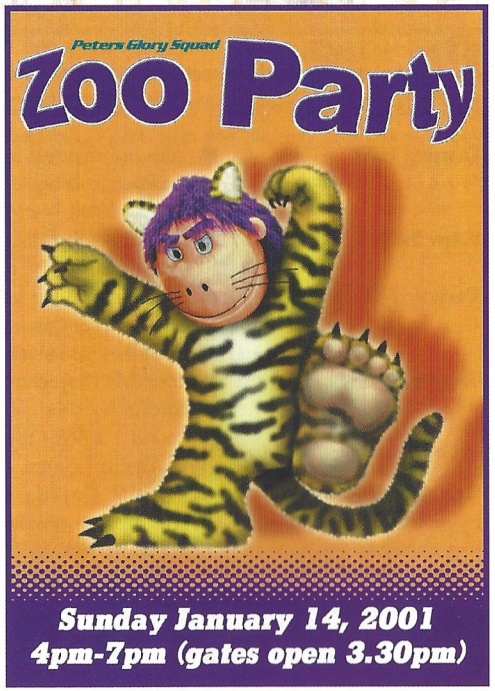
Airboard Winners

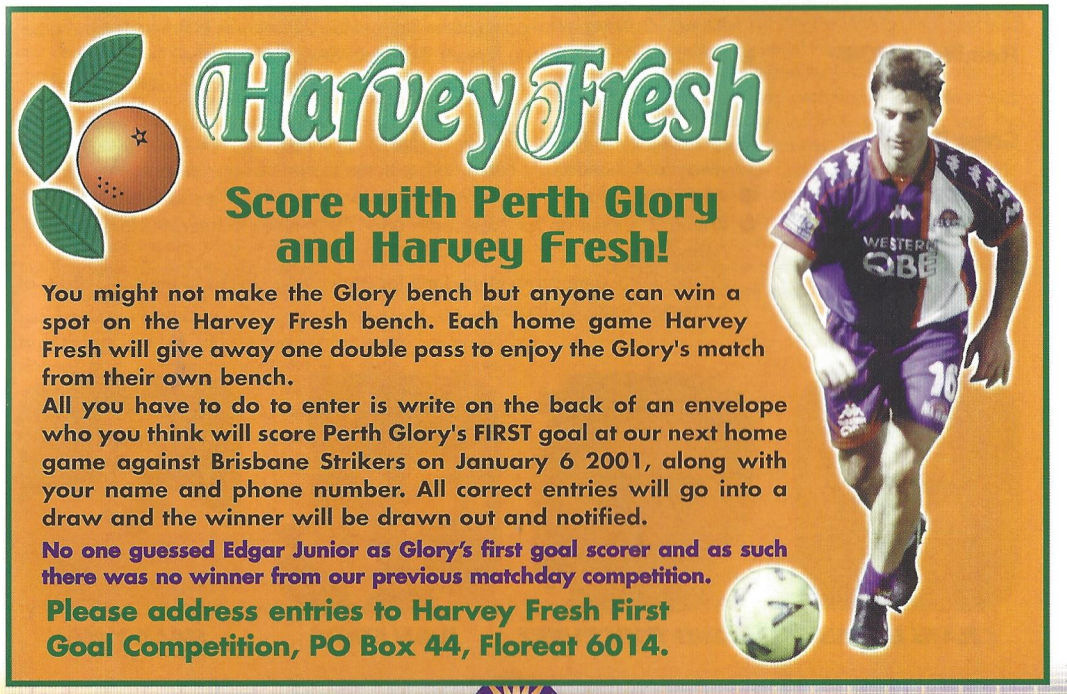
Last match's Perth Glory and Western QBE Airboard winner was Peter Hathway of Bayswater, who was selected from the people that rang Western QBE for a no-obligation free quote, while Mark Alexander was the person picked out by Glory Gorilla at half-time. Both contestants managed to squeeze in the obligatory training session between Christmas shopping and they are all set to show us what they can do at half-time in today's match.

Zoo Party

It's Not Far Away

It's not long now until one of the big social events of the year. With all the Christmas and New Year celebrations going on, make sure you don't forget the Peters Glory Squad Zoo Party. Mark the date and time on your calendar - Sunday, January 14, 2001 between 4:00pm and 7:00pm (gates open at 3:30pm).





OUR PAST PLAYERS

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Perth Glory are now in their fifth season and although we've seen many players move on for various reasons during that time, it's always nice to follow the progress of former players. "Where are they now?" provides an update on some of these players who are still playing in the NSL or overseas.

Danny HAY
- Was not selected for Leeds United in their 1-0 loss away to Southampton in the Premier League on Dec 9, or in the side that beat Sunderland 2-0 at home a week later.

Ivan ERGIC
- Scored his first goal for FC Basel before being replaced after 79 minutes in his side's 3-2 loss at home to Lausanne in the Swiss First Division on Dec 9.

Danny MILOSEVIC
- Remained on the bench for Leeds United in their Premier League loss to Southampton but injured an ankle ligament during the week and was not available for selection in the team that beat Sunderland.

Troy HALPIN
- Round 9: Played a full game for Sydney Olympic and picked up a yellow card in his side's 2-0 loss at home to Parramatta Power.
  Round 10: Was replaced after 64 minutes in Olympic's 3-2 win away to Canberra Cosmos.

Con BOUTSIANIS
- Round 9: Played a full game for South Melbourne and scored their final goal in a 4-2 win at home to Wollongong Wolves.
  Round 10: Played a full game for South Melbourne as they were held to a 0-0 draw away to Newcastle United.

Vas KALOGERACOS
- Round 9: Came on after 75 minutes in Souths' victory against the Wolves.
  Round 10: Came on after 80 minutes in his side's scoreless draw with Newcastle.

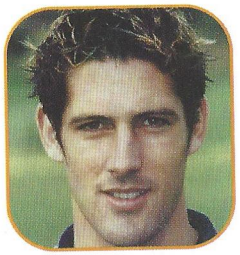
James AFKOS
- Round 9: Played a full game for Marconi Stallions in their 0-0 draw away to Northern Spirit.
  Round 10: Played a full game as the Stallions lost 2-0 at home to Adelaide City Force.

Hamilton THORP
- Did not play in Parramatta Power's 2-0 victory away to then league leaders Sydney Olympic in Round 9, or in their 2-0 win at home against Eastern Pride the following week.

Craig DEANS
- Did not play in Rounds 9 and 10 due to the postponement of Carlton's matches away to Adelaide City Force and at home to Perth Glory respectively.

John MARKOVSKI
- Also didn't play in Rounds 9 and 10 due to the Blues' postponements.

Vasko TRPCEVSKI
- Round 9: Came on for Newcastle after 78 minutes in their 4-0 loss away to Perth Glory.
  Round 10: Came on in injury-time for Newcastle United in their 0-0 draw at home to South Melbourne.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THE GLORY GAZETTE

Saturday 23 December 2000 Volume 1 Issue 6

Guest writer Lauren Bradder.

Finally the day had come, the one everyone in Perth had been waiting for, even if they had no idea about soccer. The date was June 11, the day was Sunday and the event was the National Soccer League grand final between Perth Glory and Wollongong Wolves. The trains were jam-packed, the buses full and Subi was swarmed with purple and orange banners, scarves and even people!

For even as early as eleven o'clock, people had been waiting at the gates, just busting to get inside. When I finally escaped off a train and out of a massive bunch of people, I ran as fast as I could to get that ever-valuable grand final souvenir programme, even if it was five dollars. All around me were people singing, shouting and holding up signs saying: "Father and son need two tickets" or "Willing to pay top price for tickets".

While waiting in line, I clutched my ticket strongly, in fear that someone might come and snatch it out of my hand. But it never happened. When I finally made it inside the ground, I kept my head up in order to read the direction signs leading to my seat. After what seemed like walking the whole way around the ground, I eventually found my seat. And there I saw the whole game except when I stood up to celebrate a goal.

As I sat and looked around the ground, I could not believe the amazingly wonderful sight that I was witnessing. There were thousands of purple and orange balloons being let off all around the ground as well as green and yellow ones being let off in the middle, but the best sight of all was the crowd itself. There was not one person out of the whole 43,242 that looked like they were not enjoying themselves.

Then the moment that everyone had been waiting for, the glimpse of the two teams coming out of the tunnel. What a sight to behold, every Glory player holding a little boy or girl dressed in a Wollongong strip and vice versa. The crowd roared and never before had I heard the national anthem being sung that loud. It was truly magnificent.

The players took their places on the pitch and Eddie Lennie blew his all-important whistle. The game was under way and never could I have imagined what a rollercoaster game I was in for.

The first few minutes the ball just got knocked around but then a quick counter-attack by the Wolves made the Glory wake up and from then on, they never looked back. They mounted attack after attack and looked in full control all over the park and after just 20 minutes they were rewarded, with a spectacular goal from the recently out-of-form Bobby Despotovski. I guess that just proved that he was a big game player. The crowd roared with such joy and the players all hugged Bobby thankfully. Knowing that one goal was not enough, the Glory kept pressing forward and in the 32nd minute brilliant young defender Ljubo Milicevic skilfully headed home a well-deserved goal. Once again the crowd roared and he celebrated by pulling his shirt over his head, quite a pleasant sight for myself and all other female supporters in view. Just when I thought the game might cool off a bit, it did the complete opposite. Never would I, or anybody else, have thought that a third goal might be just around the corner but amazingly it was. It came in the 42nd minute from Jamie Harnwell, a local lad who had come on in leaps and bounds in the past year or so. It was a wonderfully timed header that bounced right under the keeper's arms into the back of the net. By this time, nearly everybody thought the game was wrapped up but never would anyone in his or her wildest dreams have predicted what was to come.

In the space of 35 minutes, the Wolves managed to score three great goals and put the Glory back to square one. All that wonderful work gone, just like that. Never could I have imagined that would have happened. But I guess it just goes to show you that anything is possible in our great game. And what makes it worse is the fact that the Wolves' final goal was scored in the second-last minute of the game.

And so after all that joy of the first half, the game was to be decided on penalties, probably the cruellest way possible. During the penalty shootout, the Glory had the chance to claim the Championship, however they did not capitalise on their advantage and the Wolves took their one and only chance and succeeded. And although the Wolves should take every bit of credit for their comeback, I still can't come to terms with the unfairness of the result.

However, despite the horrid result, the game in general was a huge success and will always stay with me as my most memorable match.

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All entries published will be in the running to win this fabulous trip for two at the end of the season. Send in a review of your most memorable Perth Glory game, along with your photo, to:
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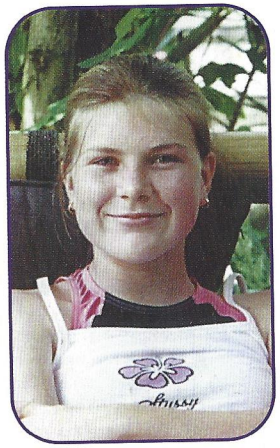
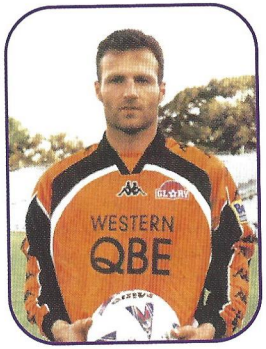


Dear Glory,
For one group of Glory supporters in particular, December 23 is proving to become a very special day (with additional family and friends coming) - for a variety of reasons:
1) It's "Picnic on the Pitch" Day (before the game)
2) One of my fellow season ticket-holder/friend's son (Aaron Tippett) is going to lead the team out as one of the official mascots for the day AND
3) My daughter, Joanna Hanf (pictured) - a season ticket-holder and loyal fan who's been to almost every home game since the start, had her 14th birthday yesterday.

Many thanks,
Zbysh Hanf.



"Here's looking at you kid!"

Dear Editor,
My friends Daniella, Jade and I, just like, LOVE PETKOVIC! For the previous games we have failed aimlessly to get his attention, on many accounts we get the attention of Wehrman, who finds pleasure in laughing at us!
A few games ago, while Daniella and Jade went to get refreshments, the ball was hit into the barrier. Petkovic made his way to the crowd, and picked up the ball. He then glanced around at the audience and SAW ME!!! AH! It made my day. This is my Glorious Glory moment.

Sincerely,
Sarah Beek.

QUIZ

1. Who was the Glory's first assistant coach?
2. What is Tony Franken's nickname?
3. Who wore number 16 for the Glory last season?
4. Which NSL team play their home matches at Suncorp Metway Stadium?
5. Who was named NSL Referee of the Year last season?
6. Name the three players who have played for both the Glory and Carlton.
7. Which Dutch club does Brett Emerton play for?
8. Who enjoyed the longest unbeaten start to this season's Italian Serie A competition?
9. Who became the first Turkish club to win a major European trophy when they won the UEFA Cup last season?
10. What's the predominant colour of Scottish club Dundee United's home shirt?

Answers on page 46

PARTY WITH PJ

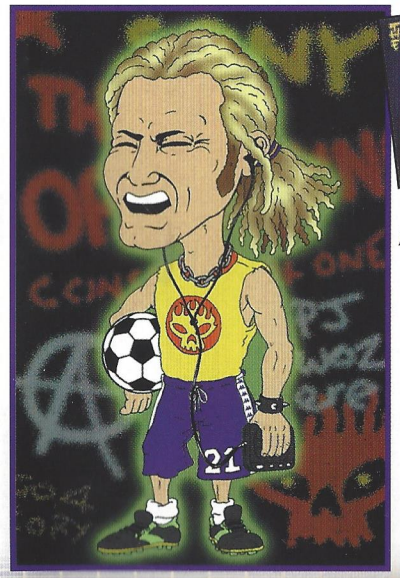
Each home game, **SONY** will be giving away a fabulous music CD or an exciting Playstation game to one lucky Glory fan. To be in the running, answer the following simple question and send your answer on the back of an envelope, along with your name and contact details, to SONY Competition, PO Box 44, Floreat, 6014 before Tuesday December 19.

How many goals did Brad Maloney score against Perth Glory before joining their squad?

PJ, what did you think of this week's CD?

After another lovely Tuesday night dinner at Frogger (Damian Mori) and his beautiful wife Josie's place, I attempted to sit down and listen to Offspring's new album 'Conspiracy of One'. Now this persuasion was a tough task to achieve. Frogger eventually relinquished the use of his stereo and surrendered after agreeing that the fact that he rearranged a few of my teeth at training during the week was reason enough! However, as soon as the Offspring album was completed, Frogger's beloved Right Said Fred album, featuring 'I'm Too Sexy' was quickly back playing! Offspring's new album is another collection of songs with that distinctive hard edged sound that only Offspring can produce. 'Conspiracy of One' contains a number of catchy tunes of the punk rock genre, with 'Original Prankster' already being a hit on the charts. 'Living in Chaos' is my personal favourite. Although this album won't be to everybody's liking, it is one worth adding to your collection for an alternative listening occasion. In particular, a barbecue with Prycey and his Newcastle posse. I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.
Keep Smiling,

Last week's winner was Josh Hughes of Thornlie. The correct answer was Paul.

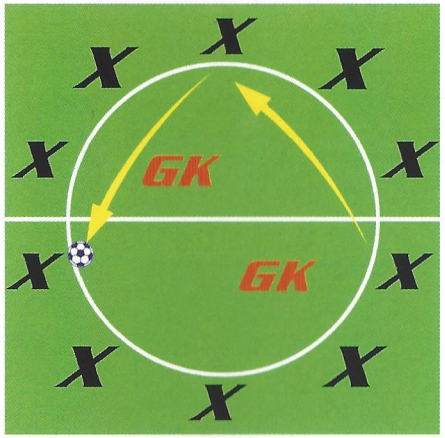


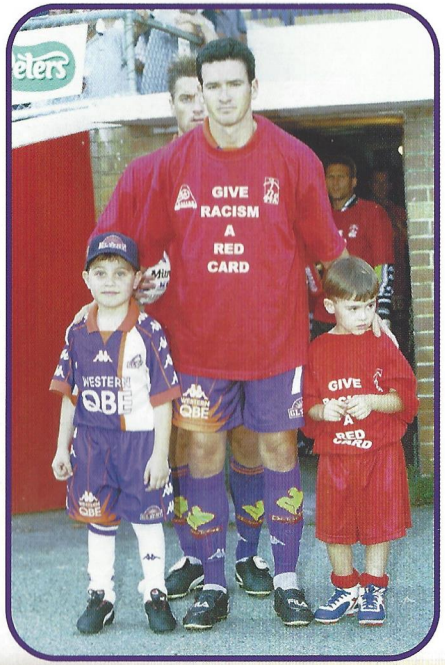
MASCOTS

Our lucky mascots at our last home game against Newcastle United were Mathew Audino (Peters Glory Squad) and Dylan Mateljan pictured here with Scott Miller.

SMARTER THAN SMOKING SOCCER SKILLS WITH MICH d'AVRAY

A warm up exercise for two **GK**s. Players get in a circle and try to keep the ball away from the two **GK**s. The **GK**s can use their hands or feet to get possession of the ball.





Sony Man Of The Match

Even though he was taken off nine minutes into the second half, after complaining of flu-like symptoms, Bobby Despotovski did enough in the time he was on the pitch to win the Sony Man of the Match award. At one stage, he looked like challenging teammate Damian Mori's recent eight-minute hat-trick, scoring the Glory's third after 40 minutes, then getting his second a minute later with as good a finish as you're likely to see. The only downside was a fourth yellow card of the season that rules him out of today's game, but against Newcastle, it was certainly Bobby dazzling at his brightest.

Maloney Keen To Join Teammates

What do Damian Mori and Shane Pryce have in common that Brad Maloney would love to emulate today? Well, Mori and Pryce have both played the team they lined up for last season at Perth Oval and beaten them comfortably. It might not be such one-way traffic today but, after being part of a Marconi side that only beat the Glory once in 11 outings, there's no way Maloney wants that trend to change now.

Edwards In A Landslide

Congratulations to Alistair Edwards who was overwhelmingly voted onto the West Ward council. No need for prolonged legal battles or recounting of the ballot slips here - Edwards won hands down. In fact the Glory ace received the most votes of all four candidates. So come on all you supporters living in Hamilton Hill, Coogee or Spearwood - now's your chance - Alistair's waiting for your call.

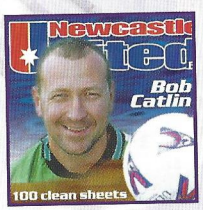
Danze Adds Spring To Joeys

Well done to Anthony Danze who scored his first goal for Australia in the recent World Cup Under-17 qualifier against Papua New Guinea (the Joeys won 7-0). The Glory midfielder was on target again in the next match, scoring the only goal of the game against the Solomon Islands in the 88th minute, after coming on at half-time. Then in their final match against the host nation, he found the back of the net five minutes after coming on as a substitute, as the Joeys emerged victorious 5-0.

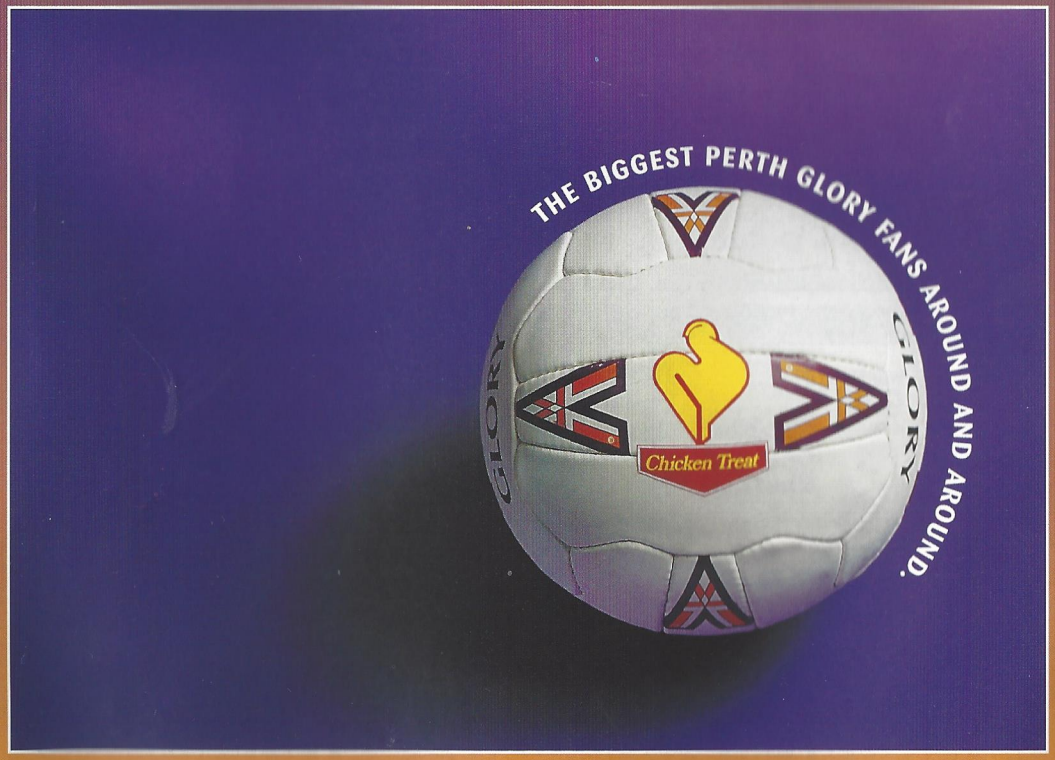
Welcome Back James

Today's match sees the return of James Afkos to Perth Oval for the first time since moving to Marconi during the off-season. The versatile wing-back / midfielder has been a regular for the Stallions since overcoming an ankle injury and has slotted into a right wing-back role, where, ironically he could be up against John Carbone, who like Afkos, found it difficult to break into the powerful Perth line-up in previous seasons, and the pair would often sit alongside each other on the Glory bench. Let's hope Afkos has a good game and there wouldn't be too many people here today who would begrudge him a goal...as long as the Glory are well in front at the time.

Congratulations Alex Tobin and Bob Catlin



We don't usually place too much emphasis on the personal milestones of opposition players but last round saw historic landmarks achieved by Parramatta Power's Alex Tobin and Newcastle United's Bob Catlin. Catlin, who won the Goalkeeper of the Year award last season, became the first keeper to record 100 clean sheets in the NSL, when Newcastle drew 0-0 with South Melbourne. Then the following night, when Tobin trotted out against Eastern Pride at Bathurst, of all places, he overtook former Adelaide teammate Sergio Melta's all-time record of 445 NSL appearances. Congratulations to both players on tremendous achievements, efforts that might not be matched for some time.

ANSWERS TO QUIZ

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